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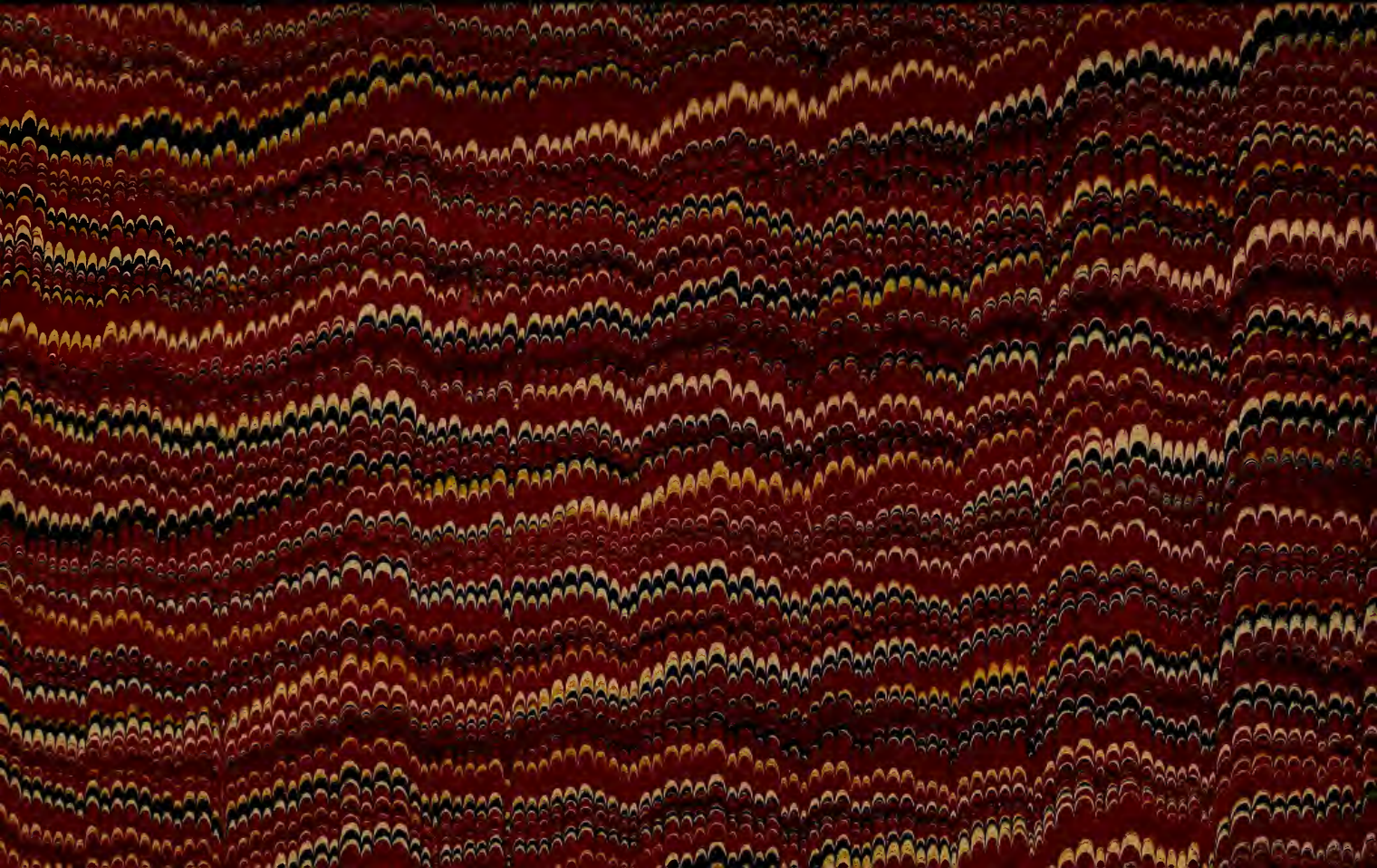

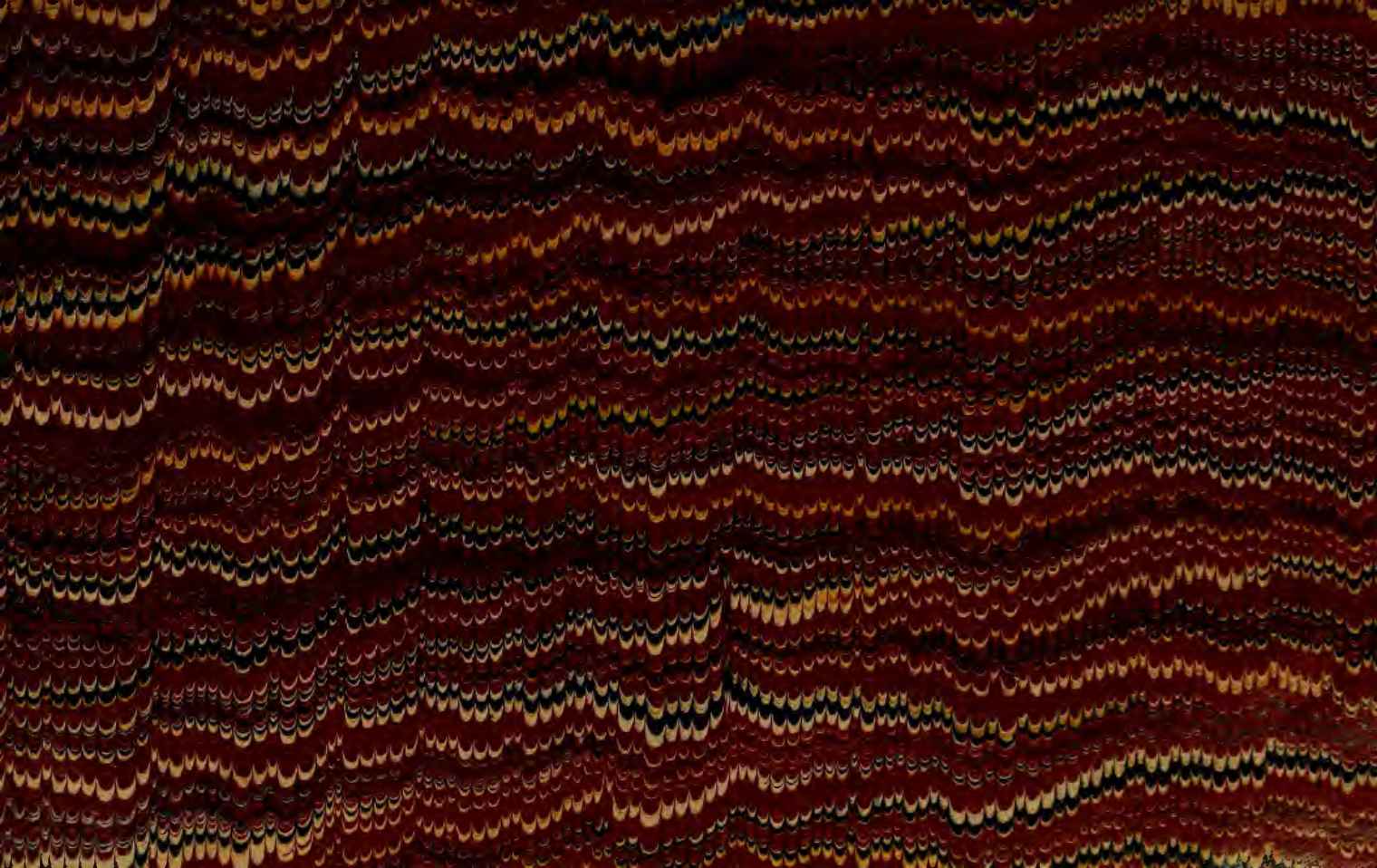

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF

BOSTON.

1876.

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IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 10, 1876.

This being the day assigned by law for the organization of the new Board of School Committee of the City of Boston, established by Chapter 241 of the Statutes of 1875, — the meeting of said Committee was held by order of His Honor the Mayor, at the City Hall, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M. Organization.

Prayer was offered by Rev. George A. Thayer, a member of said Committee. Prayer.

The City Clerk read the following extract from the proceedings of the Board of Aldermen of Dec. 20, 1875: —

The Board of Aldermen, having examined the returns of votes cast in the several wards of this city on the fourteenth inst., for twenty-four members of the School Committee, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 241 of the Acts of 1875, found that the same were correctly recorded in the official record, and that the following persons, having a plurality of votes, were duly chosen as herein set forth, viz.: — Members elect.

Warren P. Adams	had	26,066	votes.
George A. Thayer	"	26,012	"
Charles C. Perkins	"	25,659	"
John G. Blake	"	24,806	"
John B. Moran	"	24,651	"
Godfrey Morse	"	24,531	"
Abby W. May	"	24,415	"
John J. Hayes	"	24,292	"

And they were accordingly elected for the term of

three years from the second Monday of January, 1876.

John E. Fitzgerald	had	23,981	votes.
Warren Fletcher	"	23,862	"
Wm. H. Learnard, Jr.	"	17,028	"
James Morse	"	16,156	"
Charles Hutchins	"	15,720	"
George H. Plummer	"	15,706	"
Lucia M. Peabody	"	15,585	"
Nahum Chapin	"	15,201	"

And they were accordingly elected for the term of *two years* from the above date.

William T. Adams	had	15,094	votes.
Charles L. Flint	"	15,079	"
Lucretia P. Hale	"	14,948	"
Lucretia Crocker	"	14,752	"
John E. Blakemore	"	14,643	"
F. Lyman Winship	"	14,620	"
William H. Finney	"	14,413	"
Ezra Palmer	"	14,200	"

And they were accordingly elected for the term of *one year* from the above date.

And the City Clerk was directed to notify the foregoing persons of their election for their several terms.

Attest:

S. F. McCLEARY,
City Clerk.

The City Clerk then called the roll of the members elect, when it appeared that His Honor Samuel C. Cobb, the Mayor, and each of the above members of the committee were present.

On motion of Mr. Finney, Messrs. Finney, Hayes and Winship were appointed to collect the credentials of the members present, and they having attended to that duty reported that all present had produced their credentials, with the exception of Messrs. Hayes, Palmer, and William T. Adams, who, however, subsequently produced them during the session. Credentials.

On motion of Mr. Palmer, the Board proceeded to the choice of a Secretary, *pro tem.*, and Messrs. Palmer, Chapin and Moran were appointed to receive, sort and count the ballots for said officer, and they having attended to that duty reported that the whole number was 25; necessary for a choice, 13. Barnard Capen had 6; John T. Priest had 19, and he was accordingly elected and assumed that position. Secretary *pro tem.* chosen.

Mr. Adams (Warren P.) submitted a draft of Rules and Regulations for the government of the Board of School Committee, and moved the adoption of them until otherwise ordered, with an amendment that the schedule of salaries, as printed in the Rules and Regulations of the last Board, be added to Chapter 5, — which motion prevailed. Rules and Regulations adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, the Rules and Regulations were further amended by adopting Chapter 9 of the Rules and Regulations of the last Board, with the exception of the first paragraph of Section 19 of said chapter, for which the following was substituted, viz.: "Whenever a teacher is absent a substitute shall be appointed in the place of the absentee, and shall be paid by the city. In making up the pay-roll the amount required to pay such substitute, at the rates provided by the Rules and Regulations, shall be deducted from the salary of the absentee." Amended.

Vice-President chosen.

On motion of Mr. Morse (Godfrey), the Board proceeded to the choice of a Vice-President; and Messrs. Godfrey Morse, Blakemore and Chapin were appointed to receive, sort and count votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 25; necessary for a choice, 13. W. T. Adams, John E. Fitzgerald and George A. Thayer had one each, and Wm. H. Learnard, Jr., had 22, and was accordingly declared elected.

Messenger chosen.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, the Board proceeded to the choice of a Messenger, and Messrs. Fitzgerald, W. T. Adams and Fletcher were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes. They reported the whole number of votes to be 25. Alvah H. Peters had 25, and was accordingly declared elected.

Auditing Clerk chosen.

On motion of Mr. Adams (W. T.), the Board proceeded to the choice of an Auditing Clerk, and Messrs. W. T. Adams, Plummer and Blake were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count votes. They reported the whole number to be 25. George A. Smith had 25, and was accordingly declared elected.

His Honor the Mayor appointed the following Standing Committees, and Normal, High School and Division Committees, and the same were approved by the Board, viz.: —

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing Committees.

Elections. — Messrs. Fitzgerald, Finney, Warren P. Adams.

Rules and Regulations. — Messrs. Wm. T. Adams, Thayer, Fitzgerald, Miss May, Mr. James Morse.

Salaries. — Messrs. Wm. T. Adams, Plummer, Palmer, Chapin, Hayes.

Accounts. — Messrs. Learnard, Warren P. Adams, Hutchins, Blakemore, Wm. T. Adams.

Text-Books. — Messrs. Hutchins, Palmer, Thayer, Miss Hale, Mr. Blake.

School-houses. — Messrs. Chapin, Blakemore, Plummer, Perkins, Moran.

Music. — Messrs. Warren P. Adams, Perkins, Flint, Fletcher, Winship.

Military Drill. — Messrs. Godfrey Morse, Fletcher, Hayes.

Drawing. — Messrs. Perkins, Thayer, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Flint, James Morse.

Evening Schools. — Messrs. Finney, Fletcher, Warren P. Adams, James Morse, Hayes.

Licensed Minors. — Messrs. Thayer, Godfrey Morse, Chapin.

Deaf Mutes. — Messrs. Palmer, Learnard, Miss Crocker.

Kindergarten Schools. — Misses Hale, Crocker, Mr. Blake.

Truant Officers. — The Mayor, Messrs. Learnard, Fitzgerald, Palmer, Finney.

Sewing. — Messrs. Winship, Chapin, Misses Hale, Peabody, Mr. Warren P. Adams.

Nominations. — Messrs. Finney, Learnard, Fitzgerald, Wm. T. Adams, Plummer.

Examinations. — Messrs. Thayer, Hutchins, Flint, Miss Crocker, Mr. Moran.

Normal, High School and Division Committees.

Normal, High School and Division Committees.

Normal School. — Mr. Hutchins, Miss Crocker, Mr. Learnard.

High Schools. — Messrs. Flint, Wm. T. Adams, Thayer, Miss May, Mr. Fitzgerald.

Div. 1. — *East Boston.* — Messrs. Plummer, Fletcher, Chapin, Finney, Godfrey Morse.

Div. 2. — *Charlestown.* — Messrs. Finney, Chapin, Fletcher, Plummer, Miss Hale.

Div. 3. — *Eliot, Hancock, Mayhew, Wells, Phillips, Bowdoin.* — Messrs. Perkins, Palmer, Misses May, Hale, Mr. Godfrey Morse.

Div. 4. — *Bowditch, Quincy, Winthrop, Brimmer.* — Messrs. Fitzgerald, Hutchins, Miss May, Messrs. Blake, Palmer.

Div. 5. — *Rice, Franklin, Dwight, Everett, Sherwin.* — Messrs. Learnard, Flint, Hutchins, Miss Crocker, Mr. Hayes.

Div. 6. — *South Boston.* — Messrs. Warren P. Adams, Thayer, Blake, Wm. T. Adams, James Morse.

Div. 7. — *Roxbury*, excepting Sherwin. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. James Morse, Fitzgerald, Blakemore, Winship.

Div. 8. — *West Roxbury and Brighton.* — Messrs. Blakemore, Winship, Moran.

Div. 9. — *Dorchester.* — Messrs. Wm. T. Adams, Warren P. Adams, Moran.

On motion of Mr. Morse (Godfrey), it was —

Supervisors: committee on duties of.

Voted, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to submit a report at the next meeting, defining the duties of Supervisors.

On motion of Mr. Finney it was —

Schools: consolidation of.

Voted, That the Committee on School-houses be requested to report at the first meeting in May next, what schools, if any, may be consolidated.

On motion of Miss Hale, it was —

Division Committees to organize, etc.

Ordered, That the Division Committees shall meet to organize with as little delay as possible, and that

the chairmen of the different committees shall subsequently meet to arrange some uniform plan for the work of the Division Committees.

A motion of Mr. Hutchins, that the Committee on Salaries confer with the Committee on Rules and Regulations, and report at the next meeting on the matter of the salaries of Supervisors, was rejected. Salaries.

Mr. Fletcher offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish the members of the School Board with free transportation over the ferries to East Boston. East Boston ferries free to School Committee.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, the order was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Adams (W. P.), Section 5 of Chapter VI. of the Rules and Regulations was suspended, and the Auditing Clerk was authorized to prepare the Manual of the School Committee required by said section. Manual.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald the Rules and Regulations, as adopted, were referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, with instructions to report any amendments thereto which they may deem advisable. Rules and Regulations referred.

On motion of Mr. Palmer, it was —

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to consider the expediency of electing the same individual both Secretary and Auditing Clerk; and Messrs. Palmer, Learnard and Hutchins were appointed as the committee. Secretary and Auditing Clerk, concerning.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald it was —

Voted, That the credentials of the members be referred to the Committee on Elections. Credentials referred.

On motion of Mr. Flint it was —

Superintendent and Supervisors, concerning.

Voted, That all matters relating to the appointment of a Superintendent of Schools and Supervisors be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Rules and Regulations, printing of.

Mr. Adams (W. T.) offered the following, which, on motion of the same gentleman, was referred to the Committee on Accounts: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be authorized to superintend the printing of the Rules and Regulations, in accordance with the following specifications: —

1. The volume shall be uniform in size with the Manual, so that the Rules and Regulations and the Manual can be bound in the same volume.

2. All programmes, courses of study, and lists of books in use shall be omitted in the Rules and Regulations and printed in a separate book.

3. About seventy pages of matter can thus be saved. By using a little thinner paper, the double volume can be bound in tuck form for the pocket, and be not much larger than the one heretofore in use.

4. The sections of the Rules and Regulations shall be numbered consecutively from the beginning to the end. Blank space shall be left and numbers reserved at the end of each chapter or division for the introduction of new matter.

5. The volume shall be stereotyped, so that it may be reprinted each year with additions and alterations at comparatively small expense.

Geo. W. Minns: petition.

A communication from Mr. George W. Minns, offering himself as a candidate for the office of a Supervisor, was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Edwin P. Seaver: petition.

A petition of Edwin P. Seaver, head-master of the English High School, requesting leave to occupy once

a month on Saturday, from 9 o'clock till 12 o'clock in the forenoon, the hall of the Girls' High School-house on West Newton street, for the purpose of public declamations, — was referred, with full powers, to the Committee on High Schools.

Mr. Finney offered the following: —

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed who shall have authority to make all necessary arrangements for a representation of the Boston school system at the International Exhibition in Philadelphia.

Centennial Exhibition: representation of school system at.

Passed: and Messrs. Finney, Perkins, Flint and Fitzgerald and Miss Peabody were appointed as the committee.

Mr. Adams (W. P.) offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses and District Lines consider the expediency of erecting a Grammar-school building for the Andrew School District. Passed.

Andrew School District: concerning new Grammar School for.

On motion of Mr. Adams (W. T.), it was —

Voted, That when the Board adjourns it be to meet on the last Tuesday in this month, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Adams (W. T.), the Board adjourned.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Secretary pro tem.

In School Committee, Jan. 25, 1876.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, at City Hall, at 7½ o'clock, P.M., His Honor the Mayor presiding.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Reports of the Joint Standing Committee on Public Instruction of the City Council of 1875, on the following subjects, viz. : —

On petitions of the School Committee of 1873, for the enlargement of the lot recently purchased for new English High and Latin Schools, and that accommodations be provided for the School Committee in the building to be erected thereon,— on petition of School Committee of 1873, to provide additional accommodations for the new Grammar School District in Washington Village,— on petition of School Committee of 1875, for an additional Primary School-house in the Sherwin District,— on petition of the School Committee of 1875, for additional furniture in the Brighton High School Building for conducting chemical and philosophical experiments,— said reports, recommending the reference of the aforesaid subjects to this Board, were severally referred to the Committee on School-houses.

English High and Latin School lot. School Committee accommodations. Washington Village Grammar School accommodations. Sherwin District Primary accommodations. Brighton High School apparatus.

A communication referred from the files of last year, of A. Prince, in relation to the attendance of Jew children at school on the Jewish Sabbath, was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

A. Prince.

S. S. Rawlings, *et als.*

A petition referred from the files of last year, of S. S. Rawlings, *et als.*, for a new school-house at Egleston square, was referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Corporal punishment; Latin School.

An order from the files of last year relative to corporal punishment in the four lower classes in the Latin School, was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Back Bay; New Grammar School.

An order and papers from the files of last year in relation to the erection of a new Grammar School Section on the Back-Bay territory, was referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Detention at recess.

An order from the files of last year, forbidding the detention of scholars in school-rooms during recess, was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Sexes, separate schools.

An order from the files of last year to provide separate schools for either sex, was referred to the Committee on School-houses.

George T. Wiggin.

An order from the files of last year to pay George T. Wiggin, sub-master of the Lowell School, the maximum salary, commencing Sept. 7, 1875, was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Committee changes.

Mr. Adams (W. P.) resigned his position as chairman of the Standing Committee on Music, and Mr. Perkins was appointed in his place.

Salaries school officers and clerks.

Mr. Adams (W. T.) offered the following, viz.: —

Ordered, That the salaries of all school officers and clerks in the employ of the Board be paid at the rates fixed by the School Committee of last year for the present school year until otherwise ordered.

Passed.

Gibson Fund income.

Mr. Adams (W. T.) offered the following, viz.: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be

authorized to expend the income of the Gibson Fund in accordance with the votes of the City Council, and to apportion the same among the schools of Dorchester according to the provisions of the will of the donor of this fund. (See Minutes, 1870, page 133.)

Passed.

Mr. Adams (W. T.) offered the following, viz.: — Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be authorized to report in print.

Passed.

Miss Hale offered the following, viz.: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to fit up for Kindergarten Schools four rooms in different sections of the city, namely, one in Charlestown, one at the North end, Cooper street, one at South Boston, new school building, Fifth street, and one at Roxbury, Quincy street. Kindergarten Schools.

On motion of the same lady the order was referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

A petition of William H. Ware, to be appointed janitor of the Rice School-house, was referred to the Committee on School-houses. Wm. H. Ware.

A communication from the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, urging instruction in the Metric system of Weights and Measures in the Public Schools, was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations. Boston So. Civil Engineers.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the name of John D. Philbrick as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Schools; and Tuesday, February 8, at eight o'clock, P.M., was assigned as the time for an election to fill said office. Superintendent of Schools nominated.

On motion of Mr. Flint it was voted, that the term of service of Wm. H. White, nominated on probation Wm. H. White; term of service.

last year as an usher in the Latin School, commence on the first day of December, 1875.

Ruth E. Lander.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Division No. 2 (under a suspension of the rules), nominated on probation Ruth E. Lander as assistant in the Charlestown-Prescott School, in place of Ellen C. Dickinson, resigned; term of service beginning December 1, 1875.

Mary Coursey.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Evening Schools (under a suspension of the rules), nominated Mary Coursey as assistant in the Evening School for females in Charlestown; term of service beginning November 22, 1875.

Supervisors; duties of.

Mr. Adams (W. T.), for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, submitted in print (as on file) a series of Rules and Regulations, numbering sections 135 to 152 inclusive, in relation to the duties of Supervisors.

Section 135 of said series was amended so as to read as follows, viz.: "The Board of Supervisors shall constitute the Executive Board of the School Committee, and as such may be called upon to perform any of the duties of School Committees under the Statutes of the Commonwealth, except such as are legislative in their nature. But neither the Superintendent nor the Supervisors shall have any authority over or direction of the principals or instructors except as provided by the general regulations or by the School Committee."

Section 136 was adopted.

Section 137 was stricken out.

Section 138 was amended so as to read as follows: "The Supervisors shall visit and examine the schools in detail twice in each year, before the fifteenth of June and January. The results of these examinations shall be recorded in suitable books kept in the Super-

visors' office, and open only to the inspection of the members of the Board."

Section 139 was adopted.

Section 140 was amended so as to read as follows: "The Supervisors shall, twice in each year, before the fifteenth of June and January, collate and combine their reports, so that the condition of each school in detail may readily be seen by the members of the Board, to whom alone these reports shall be accessible."

Section 141 was amended by providing that the examination questions shall be uniform in schools of the same grade, and was then recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Adjourned to Tuesday, February 8th, at 7½ o'clock P.M.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Secretary pro tem.

In School Committee, Feb. 8, 1876.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

In the absence of His Honor the Mayor Vice-President Learnard presided.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. Palmer, for the committee appointed to consider the expediency of electing the same individual both Secretary and Auditing Clerk, submitted a report in favor of such action by the Board, and offered the following order, viz.: —

Secretary and Auditing Clerk.

Ordered, That it is expedient to elect Mr. George A. Smith, Secretary of this body, he having already been chosen its Auditing Clerk.

Order passed.

On motion of Mr. Palmer, a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Palmer, Godfrey Morse and Blake, were appointed to receive, sort, and count votes for Secretary. They reported the whole number of votes to be 20, all of which were for George A. Smith, who was accordingly declared elected.

Secretary chosen.

Mr. Adams (W. T.) for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred Jan. 25, from the files of last year, an order to pay George T. Wiggin, sub-master of the Lowell School, the maximum salary, to commence Sept. 7, 1875, submitted a report giving a statement of Mr. Wiggin's connection with said school, and recommending that the order should not be passed.

Geo. T. Wiggin, report on maximum salary to.

Report accepted and recommendation adopted.

Sherwin District; primary accommodations.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom were referred January 25, certain papers in relation to additional Primary School accommodations in the Sherwin Grammar School District, submitted a report recommending the passage of the following order, viz.: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish either a new school-house on the site of the present Primary School Building on Weston street, or an additional new building in some convenient locality within the district of the Sherwin Grammar School.

Report accepted and order passed.

Committee changes.

Mr. Palmer offered his resignation as Chairman of the Committee on Deaf Mutes, and Miss Crocker was appointed in his place.

Phœbe A. Knight; resignation.

Mr. Flint submitted the resignation of Phœbe A. Knight, assistant in the Charlestown High School, said resignation to take effect on the 29th inst., which was accepted.

R. Fanny Oliver nominated.

Mr. Morse (James) nominated R. Fanny Oliver as an assistant in the Eustis street Evening School, term of service to commence Jan. 14, 1876.

Anna Moseley nominated.

Mr. Fletcher nominated Anna Moseley as an assistant in the Evening School at Neponset, term of service to commence Nov. 22, 1875.

Anna M. Farrington; maximum salary.

Mr. Blakemore offered the following order, viz.: —

Ordered, That the maximum salary of an assistant be allowed Miss Anna M. Farrington of the Brighton Harvard District from Sept. 1, 1875, she having served from Sept., 1873, continuously, and failing of a re-election in 1875 through the inadvertence of the committee on that school district.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Adams (W. P.) offered the following order, viz. : —

Ordered, That Thomas M. Smith be paid the sum of forty-one dollars for instruction for forty-one nights in the Evening School, Lincoln building, from Oct. 25th to Dec. 20th inclusive. Thomas M. Smith.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Miss Peabody offered the following order, viz. : — Francis st. School; piano for.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to furnish a piano to the Francis-street School.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Division No. 7, nominated, on probation, Miss Susan R. Glidden as a teacher in the Dudley School for girls; term of service commencing February 7. Susan R. Glidden.

Mr. Fitzgerald thereupon raised the point of order as to whether, under the rules, nominations of teachers could be made by any committee except the Committee on Nominations. The Chair ruled that nominations for teachers should be made by the Committee on Nominations; accordingly the nomination offered was not entertained. Nomination of teachers, concerning.

Mr. Adams (W. T.), for the Committee on Salaries, reported the following orders, viz. : —

Ordered, That the salary of the Superintendent, for one year next following his entering upon his duties, be four thousand five hundred ($4,500) dollars. Superintendent of Schools; salary.

Ordered, That the salary of each Supervisor, for one year next following his entering upon his duties, be four thousand ($4,000) dollars. Supervisors' salaries.

Orders passed.

The hour having arrived which was assigned for the election of a Superintendent of Schools, Messrs. Finney, Flint and Fitzgerald were appointed a com- Superintendent of Schools balloted for; no choice.

mittee to collect and count votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 23; necessary for a choice, 15. John D. Philbrick had 12, and William T. Harris, of St. Louis, had 11; and accordingly there was no choice. After considerable discussion in regard to the merits of the candidates, on motion of Miss May, it was voted to postpone the election until the next meeting.

Normal School accommodations.

Mr. Hutchins offered the following order, viz.: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide accommodations for the Normal School in the Rice School building, which is now being repaired; the expense thereof to be less than one thousand dollars.

Order passed under a suspension of the rules.

Text-book, Latin School.

Mr. Flint offered the following order, viz.: —

Ordered, That "Higginson's Young Folks' History of the United States" be authorized as a text-book in the sixth class of the Latin School during the current school year.

Order passed under a suspension of the rules.

Teachers' salaries.

Mr. Adams (W. T.) offered the following order, viz.: —

Ordered, That the salaries of the instructors of all the schools be paid at the rates fixed by the School Committee of last year for the present school year, until otherwise ordered.

Passed.

Drawing; instruction in.

Mr. Adams (W. T.) offered the following order, viz.: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing be instructed to ascertain, by inquiry of all the principals of the High and Grammar Schools, whether or not more work is required of scholars in the depart-

ment of drawing than can be performed in the time allotted to this branch in the schools, and to report thereon to this Board as soon as practicable.

Passed.

Mr. Adams (W. T.) offered the following order, viz.: — Text-books; Dorchester schools.

Ordered, That the text-books authorized by the Board for use in the Grammar and Primary Schools be introduced in the schools of Dorchester, as new books are needed in place of those now used and authorized only by the special vote passed September 13, 1870.

Passed.

Miss May offered the following order, viz.: — Supervisors; candidates for, concerning.

Ordered, That the Committee on Nominations be requested to open in the rooms of this committee a list which shall contain the names and addresses of all applicants for position as Supervisors, and that all papers connected with such applications be put on file, both list and documents being for the use of the Board only.

Passed.

Mr. Adams, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, submitted a revised draft of rules and regulations relating to the duties of Supervisors, sections 136, 137, 138, 139 and 140 corresponding respectively to sections 135, 136, 138, 139 and 140 of the draft submitted at the last meeting as they were adopted by the Board. Sections 141 and 142 of the revised draft were adopted without amendment. Supervisors; duties of.

Mr. Flint moved to amend the last paragraph of section 143, by inserting after the words "Normal School" the words "the advanced classes of the Girls' High School;" and Mr. Adams (W. T.) moved to

further amend by adding at the end of the section the words, "but this rule shall not exclude from such examinations pupils who graduated from the advanced course in the High Schools previous to 1876."

Previous to any action being taken on the amendments, on motion of Mr. Morse (G.), the section with the amendments was recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was voted that when the Board adjourns it be to meet on Tuesday, the 15th inst. at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Secretary pro tem.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 15, 1876.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, at 7½ o'clock, P.M.

His Honor the Mayor presided.

All the members of the Board were present.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Minutes amended.

On motion of Miss Peabody, the minutes of the meeting of Feb. 8 were amended so that the nomination of Miss Susan R. Glidden should read Miss Susan R. Gifford.

Emma F. Hanson's resignation.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on the Second Division, presented the resignation of Miss Emma F. Hanson, of the Charlestown-Prescott School, which was accepted.

Frances H. Turner's resignation.

Mr. Plummer, from the Committee on the First Division, presented the resignation of Miss Frances H. Turner, head assistant in the Prescott School, East Boston, which was accepted.

Nomination of teachers; concerning.

Mr. Plummer, from the same committee, nominated Miss Sarah T. Litchfield and Mrs. J. J. Pierce for confirmation.

Mr. Flint raised the point of order that these nominations under the rules must come from the Committee on Nominations.

Accordingly the nominations were not entertained.

Supervisors; duties of.

Mr. Adams, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, submitted a revised draft of rules and regulations relating to the duties of Supervisors, being

sections from 146 to 152 inclusive, as printed in the third report on the duties of Supervisors. Section 136, as reported February 8th, being amended so that it shall read in the first line, "The Board of Supervisors shall be" in place of "The Board of Supervisors shall constitute;" in the last line but one, "or other instructors" in place of "or instructors;" and in the last line, "except as provided by the Board in the Regulations or otherwise" for "except as provided by the General Regulations or by the School Committee." The section as amended by the committee was adopted.

Sections 143 to 149 were severally adopted.

Section 149, Mr. Fitzgerald moved to amend by striking out the word "other" in the second line, and substituting "higher," so that the section shall read "No instructor shall be employed in any higher grade of schools than that for which the certificate shall qualify the holder thereof." The amendment was passed, and the section was adopted.

Amendment.

Sections 150, 151 and 152 were severally adopted.

Reconsider section 149.

Miss May moved to reconsider section 149.

The motion to reconsider was carried, 9 to 8.

Miss May then moved to recommit the section to the committee, which failed of being carried, and the section was then adopted.

The duties of the Supervisors contained in the third printed report, consisting of sections of the Rules and Regulations from 136 to 152, both inclusive, as thus amended, were then adopted.

Superintendent; election of.

Mr. Hutchins moved to proceed to ballot for Superintendent of Schools.

Objection raised.

Mr. Godfrey Morse raised the point of order that the election of a Superintendent had been postponed to the next meeting, and that the next regular meeting was thereby intended; and, therefore, it could not

properly come up for consideration at an adjourned meeting.

The Chair decided the point not well taken.

Miss May moved to lay the motion upon the table, but at the request of Mr. Fitzgerald the motion was withdrawn.

To lay upon the table.

After discussion the motion was subsequently renewed by Miss May, and was passed, 13 to 11.

Mr. James Morse moved to reconsider the vote fixing the salaries of the Superintendent at $4,500, and the Supervisors at $4,000. The motion was rejected, 8 to 11.

Salaries of Superintendent and Supervisors.

Mr. Learnard offered the following order, viz. : —

Temporary teachers and substitutes; pay of.

Ordered, That Chapter XII, Section 149, be so far suspended as to allow the Committee on Accounts, until such time as certificates of qualification are issued by the Board of Supervisors, to enter on the pay-rolls the names of temporary teachers or substitutes who may be employed in the schools.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, it was voted that when this Board adjourns, it be to meet on Tuesday, the 29th inst., at half past seven o'clock, P. M.

Adjournment.

Mr. William T. Adams offered the following order, viz. : —

Ordered, That the Secretary of this Board be authorized to have the records of the School Committee for the past five years written in a suitable manner for preservation, at a cost not exceeding fifteen cents per page.

Secretary's records.

On motion of Dr. Palmer, the order was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. James Morse, the Board adjourned. Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH, *Secretary*.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, February 29, 1876.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, at 7½ o'clock, P.M.

His Honor the Mayor presided.

All the members of the Board were present.

On motion of Mr. James Morse the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. Finney moved that the subject of the election of a Superintendent of the Public Schools be taken from the table, and that the Board proceed to a ballot.

Superintendent; election of.

Mr. James Morse nominated Mr. Edwin P. Seaver for Superintendent of Public Schools.

Seaver, E. P.; nomination for superintendent.

Miss May moved that the election of a Superintendent be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Finney raised the point of order that the election of a Superintendent was required by law, and therefore could not be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair decided the point well taken.

Miss May moved that the election of a Superintendent be laid upon the table.

Lost, 11 to 13.

The motion to proceed to a ballot was carried, and the Chair appointed Messrs. Finney, Chapin and Winship to collect, sort, and count the votes.

Superintendent; ballot for.

The Chair took this occasion to read to the Board the opinion of the City Solicitor, relating to the number of votes required by law for the election of a Superintendent, as follows: —

Solicitor, City; opinion.

"CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, BOSTON, Feb. 15th, 1876.

"HON. SAMUEL C. COBB, MAYOR, *etc.*: —

"DEAR SIR, — As the Statute, chap. 241, sect. 8, of the Acts of the year 1875, provides the number of votes that shall be necessary to elect the officers therein named, it is not competent, in my opinion, for the School Committee to prescribe a different number as requisite for such elections. A person receiving thirteen votes, that number being a majority of the members of the School Committee, should, I think, be declared elected, on a balloting for either of said officers. I am, with great respect, your obedient servant,

"J. P. HEALY."

The committee appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes for Superintendent of Public Schools, reported as follows: —

Whole number of ballots, 25.

Necessary for a choice, 13.

John D. Philbrick had 14.

Edwin P. Seaver had 6.

William T. Harris had 5.

Philbrick, J. D.; election of.

And John D. Philbrick was declared elected.

Supervisors; nomination of.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported a list of candidates for membership of the Board of Supervisors. The list from which the selection was made comprised some sixty-five names. The committee did not deem it advisable to confine themselves to those only who had applied for the position; they had considered the names of many eminent educators who, they believed, would accept the office, if elected.

The committee, believing that the presentation of more than six names would meet the wishes of the Board, have submitted twelve, the first six being their first choice. Among these twelve are the names of four masters of Boston schools, but the committee believe it would not be advisable to elect more than

two school-masters of the city. They have caused a complete list of the candidates, with the several papers relating to them, to be placed on file in the Secretary's office.

The list was as follows: —

Benjamin F. Tweed, Daniel B. Hagar, Samuel W. Mason, Admiral P. Stone, Albert P. Marble, C. Goodwin Clark, Granville B. Putnam, William Nichols, James A. Page, J. W. Dickinson, George M. Folsom and Francis S. Williams.

Mr. Moran moved that the report be recommitted with instruction to add to the list the names of three Catholics; after some discussion the motion was lost.

Mr. Palmer moved that the name of Dr. T. M. Brewer be added to the list.

The Chair stated that, the report not having been accepted, the motion was not in order.

The report was then accepted.

Mr. Blake moved that the names of Henry L. Richards and David F. Lincoln be added to the list. Supervisors; additional names.

Passed.

Mr. Palmer then renewed his motion that the name of Dr. T. M. Brewer be added to the list.

The Chair stated that, unless objection was raised, the names as presented should be added to the list.

Mr. Fitzgerald presented the name of J. Persse Lambert;

Mr. Flint, the name of Loring Lothrop;

Miss Hale, the name of Ellis Peterson;

Mr. Moran, the name of Dr. James Waldock;

Mr. Perkins, the name of Charles K. Dillaway.

Mr. Finney moved that the election of Supervisors be specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board, at eight o'clock. Supervisors, election assigned.

Passed.

Supervisors' list to be printed.

Mr. Godfrey Morse moved that the Secretary be instructed to furnish the members of the Board with a printed list of the names of the several candidates named for Supervisors, before the next meeting of the Board.

Passed.

Mr. Learnard, from the Committee on Accounts, offered the following order: —

Secretary's records.

Ordered, That the Secretary of this Board, under the direction of the Committee on Accounts, be authorized to have the records of the School Committee, for the past five years, written in a suitable manner for preservation, at a cost of fifteen cents per page, and not exceeding five hundred dollars in amount, the work to be completed in the shortest possible period of time.

Mr. Palmer moved that the order be amended by adding, "And he is hereby authorized and directed to attest the same, when completed." After some discussion the amendment was withdrawn, and the order passed, as reported.

Mr. Flint, from the Committee on High Schools, reported the following order: —

Hall for English High and Latin Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to procure the use of Beethoven Hall for the English High and Latin Schools for Public Declamations during the remainder of the present school year, at an expense not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Passed.

Mr. Flint, from the same committee, offered the following: —

Easy French Reading.

Ordered, That "Easy French Reading" be authorized as a text-book in the Charlestown High School.

Passed.

Mr. James Morse moved to add the names of Mr. Henry Moore and Miss Sarah J. Baker to the list of candidates for supervisors; no objection being made, the names were added.

Supervisors, additional names.

Mr. Blakemore, from the Committee on the Eighth Division, reported the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase land, and erect a Grammar-school building in the Brighton-Harvard District. Referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

Harvard District, Brighton; land and building.

Mr. Hutchins offered the following order: —

Ordered, That an edition, not exceeding five thousand copies, of the Annual Report for 1875, be printed in pamphlet form, excluding all subordinate reports and statistical matter.

Annual Report.

After some discussion, Mr. Hutchins moved to amend, by inserting "ten thousand" in place of "five thousand."

Lost, 5 to 11.

Mr. Finney moved to substitute "eight thousand" in place of "five thousand."

Lost.

The order as offered was then passed.

Mr. Winship, from the Committee on Sewing, reported the following nominations of teachers: —

Bunker-Hill School. — Mrs. J. A. Skilton.

Harvard School, Charlestown. — Mrs. E. A. Boyd.

Prescott School, Charlestown. — Mrs. Susan Cousens.

Skilton, J. A. Mrs., Boyd, E. A. Mrs., Cousens, S. Mrs.

The term of service of each to commence March 1st, 1876.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked the Chair for information as to the authority under which various circulars had been sent to the schools, directing the masters in re-

Centennial exhibition; information.

gard to the work for the Centennial Exhibition, stating that, as a member of the Centennial Committee, he knew nothing about them.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on the Centennial Exhibition, stated that a committee of the masters had been appointed to take charge of the class work done in the schools, and they had been authorized to issue to their associates in the schools any communication relating to the subject that they deemed proper.

Adjournment.

Mr. Finney moved that when the Board adjourn it be to March 6th, one week from that night.

Mr. Godfrey Morse asked for information; if the Board adjourned for one week, would the special assignment, the "election of supervisors," be in order at that time? The Chair stated that under the vote it would be.

Mr. James Morse moved to substitute two weeks. Carried.

Rules and Regulations; report of committee.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, reported the Rules and Regulations from Chapter 1st, Sect. 1, to Chapter 16th, Sect. 240, inclusive.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams moved that Section 233 be referred to the Committee on Music.

Passed.

Sewing; adoption of section.

Mr. Warren P. Adams moved that Sect. 235, relating to the Committee on Sewing, be considered at that time.

Passed.

Mr. Warren P. Adams moved that there be added to the section following the last word, "and may discharge them at pleasure, subject to the approval of the Board."

Passed.

Mr. William T. Adams moved that after the word "classes," in the fourth line, there be added "by the Board, on the recommendation of the committee," in place of "if the committee."

Passed.

The section was then adopted.

Mr. Fitzgerald then moved to amend Sect. 168, page 36, by striking out the words, "They may employ the truant officers to obtain information relating to the difficulty."

Truant-officers, section 168; amendment of.

Passed.

Mr. Hutchins moved to consider the sections in the order of their numbers.

Passed.

Mr. William T. Adams moved to adopt Section 1. The Chair stated that he would read the sections by their numbers, and, unless objections were raised, would consider them adopted.

Section 1; adoption of.

Sections 1 to 18 inclusive were thus passed.

Mr. Hutchins moved to amend Section 19 by inserting "a" before "special," and striking out "s" from "meetings," so that it shall read, "*shall*, call a special meeting," in place of "*shall*, call special meetings."

Section 19; amendment of.

Passed.

Sections 19 to 44 inclusive were then adopted.

Mr. Hutchins moved to amend Section 45, by striking out all after "text-books" in the first line to and including "Board" in the eighth line, and the word "they" in the ninth line, so that it shall read, "The Committee on Text-Books annually, in the month of May, shall examine." Sections 45 and 46 were then adopted.

Section 45; amendment of.

Mr. James Morse moved to amend section 47, by inserting in the fourth line, "the director and a special

Section 47; amendment of.

teacher or teachers" in place of "the director and special teachers."

Passed.

Sections from 47 to 56, inclusive, were adopted.

Section 57; amendment of.

Mr. Hutchins moved to strike out of Section 57 the words "who may be instructed as occasion may require."

Passed.

Miss Hale asked for information as to what was implied in school officers in Section 56.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams stated that the term "school officers" was explained on the 4th page of the Rules and Regulations under the head of "Terms used in the Rules and Regulations."

Mr. James Morse moved to strike out that part relating to the nomination of teachers.

As the duties of the Nominating Committee were not contained in this section, the motion was passed over.

Section 57; recommitted.

Mr. Hutchins moved that Section 57 be recommitted.

Passed.

Mr. Hutchins moved to adjourn, and the Chair declared the motion carried; but Mr. Fitzgerald doubted the vote. On the count the vote stood 10 to 10; the Chair voted in the affirmative, and the Board adjourned, at 9.30 P. M., to meet at half-past seven Tuesday, the 14th of March.

Attest: GEO. A SMITH, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 14, 1876.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council chamber, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

The Vice-President presided.

All the members, except the President of the Board, were present.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. Fletcher moved that the minutes of the last meeting be corrected, so that Mrs. Cousens' nomination as teacher of Sewing in the Prescott School, read "Prescott, East Boston," in place of "Prescott, Charlestown." Passed. Minutes amended.

The Chair read the following communication: —

"CITY OF BOSTON, Feb. 21, 1876.

"OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

"*To the Chairman of the School Board:* —

"SIR, — I am directed by the Committee on Public Buildings to inform you that the Primary school-house, corner of Newbury and Exeter streets, erected by direction of the City Council, is completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and has been accepted from the contractors by this committee. It is now, by direction of said committee, given over to your charge. Will you please make known at your earliest convenience the number and size of school-desks you wish furnished for the building, and oblige, New school building; concerning.

"Yours respectfully,

"H. B. FISHER, *Clerk.*"

Referred to Committee on School-houses.

The following letter of acceptance was read and placed on file: —

Superintendent; letter of acceptance.

"BOSTON, March 2, 1876.

"DEAR SIR, — I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the notification of my election to the office of Superintendent of the Public Schools of the City of Boston.

"I accept the office, and propose to begin service at once.

"Yours, very truly,

"JOHN D. PHILBRICK.

"GEORGE A. SMITH, ESQ.,

Secretary of the School Committee of Boston."

Boston Society Medical Observation; Resolutions from.

The Chair read the resolutions of the Boston Society for Medical Observation, which was ordered to be placed on file.

"*To the School Committee of the City of Boston:* —

"I have the honor of transmitting to you a copy of resolutions passed at a regular meeting, March 6th, 1876, by the Boston Society for Medical Observation.

"It was unanimously voted that,—

"*Whereas*, the importance of Sanitary and Hygienic Science, in its application to schools, is now practically acknowledged by our own State and City Boards of Health, and by scientific men and societies in general; such application consisting in measures for preventing the spread of contagious diseases among scholars, for suppressing nuisances, for investigating causes of sickness or ill-health, and for promoting healthful bodily exercise, for securing good ventilation and heating, and in general for seeing that school buildings are not built upon unwholesome plans,—it is therefore

"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this society it is desirable that some person specially acquainted with this branch of preventive medicine (and if possible a *physician*) should be included in the list of Supervisors of Schools for the City of Boston, and the society hereby respectfully recommend such appointment to the School Committee of this city.

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Society be requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to the School Committee of the City of Boston.

"EDWARD WIGGLESWORTH, JR.,

"*Secretary of the Boston Society for Medical Observation.*"

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, moved to take up the rules and regulations, and reported a new draft of Sect. 57, as follows: — Rules and Regulations.

"The Committee on Examinations shall have the general direction and supervision of all examinations, whether of pupils in the schools or of candidates for positions as instructors, except the semi-annual examinations by the Supervisors and those made by principals or teachers in the schools or classes under their charge." Section 57.

Adopted.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams moved an amendment to Sect. 58, as follows: —

That there be added to the Section, "and shall report to the Board within one month after such reference."

Adopted.

Sections 65, 66 and 67 were severally adopted.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams moved to amend Sect. 68, as follows: —

That the word "committee" be substituted for "principals" in the twelfth line from the top of the page; that the "twentieth of May" be substituted for the "first of June" in the fifteenth line; that in the twentieth line, "the first meeting in June" in place of "the second meeting in June"; and that in the twenty-fourth line, after the word "recommend," to add the following words, "to the Committee on Nominations." Section 68.

Miss Hale moved to amend the section in the 6th line, and in place of "shall recommend to the Committee on Nominations" to substitute the words "shall nominate to the Board."

The amendment failed to pass.

The section, as amended and reported by the Committee on Rules and Regulations, was adopted.

Mr. Flint moved to take up the special assignment.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams moved to postpone the same till 8.15, and the motion prevailed.

Mr. Hutchins offered the following order, which was adopted under a suspension of the rules: —

Vacations, April.

Ordered, That the April vacation of the schools commence Thursday, April 6th, and close Saturday, April 15th.

Mr. Flint offered the following order: —

Holiday, 17th March.

Ordered, That the schools be closed on the seventeenth of March, Evacuation Day.

Mr. Palmer moved to amend by adding, "and the following half-day."

The amendment was accepted and the order passed.

Butts, Frances B.; resignation of.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on the Second Division, reported the resignation of Miss Frances B. Butts, a Primary teacher, in the Charlestown-Winthrop District, which was accepted.

Farrington, Anna M. maximum salary.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, from the Committee on Salaries, reported, that the order referred to them, and directing that Miss Anna M. Farrington, a teacher in the Brighton-Harvard District, be allowed the maximum salary from Sept. 1st, 1875, she having served from Sept., 1873, continuously, ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the order passed.

Smith, Thos. M., Jr., evening school; salary.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, from the same Committee on Salaries, reported the order to pay Thomas M. Smith, Jr., the sum of forty-one dollars for forty-one nights' service in the evening schools, ought to pass, in an amended form, inasmuch as he had been paid for

three nights, upon a previous order; and submitted the following: —

Ordered, That Thomas M. Smith, Jr., be paid the sum of thirty-eight dollars for instruction for forty-one nights in the evening school, Lincoln building, from Oct. 20th to Dec. 16th inclusive.

Mr. Finney moved to strike out forty-one nights.

The amendment was adopted, and the order passed.

Mr. Perkins, from the Committee on Drawing, reported the following order: —

Exhibition of Drawing.

Ordered, That the Drawing Committee be authorized to hold the annual exhibition of drawings from the Boston Public Schools at Horticultural Hall, on the 28th, 29th, and 30th of March, in conjunction with the State exhibit of drawings from other cities and towns in Massachusetts, authorized by the Board of Education.

Referred to Committee on Accounts with full powers.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Evening Schools, reported the following order, which was adopted: —

Toner, James E.; discharged.

Ordered, That the services of James E. Toner, as principal of the Evening School in North Bennet street, terminate Wednesday, March 15th, for cause.

Mr. Flint called for the special assignment.

Mr. Blake stated that he had been requested to say that the reports relating to the health of S. W. Mason, one of the candidates, were incorrect. He wished to say that Mr. Mason's health in no way unfitted him for the duties of the position.

Mr. Finney stated that he had received communications from Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Page, withdrawing their names as candidates.

The Board moved to proceed to a ballot.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved that the ballot be an informal one.

Mr. Flint seconded the motion.

The Chair stated that it would require a reconsideration of the vote to proceed to ballot.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved a reconsideration of the vote to proceed to ballot, that the Board might go into a Committee of the whole. Lost.

Supervisors, ballot for.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Finney, Moran, and Warren P. Adams a committee to collect, sort and count the votes.

Mr. Palmer withdrew the name of Dr. Brewer from the list of candidates.

The committee appointed to receive, sort, and count votes for Supervisors reported as follows: —

Whole number of ballots	. .	24
Necessary for a choice	. .	13
Henry Moore	had . .	1
Warren Johnson	" . .	1
Loring Lothrop	" . .	1
John P. Lambert	" . .	3
Caroline L. Tallant	" . .	4
David F. Lincoln	" . .	4
Henry L. Richards	" . .	4
Francis S. Williams	" . .	5
George H. Howison	" . .	6
Albert P. Marble	" . .	7
Granville B. Putnam	" . .	8
George M. Folsom	" . .	9
C. Goodwin Clark	" . .	9
Samuel W. Mason	" . .	11
Lucretia Crocker	" . .	12

Ellis Peterson	had	. .	12
Daniel B. Hagar	"	. .	13
Benj. F. Tweed	"	. .	13
William Nichols	"	. .	20

And Messrs. Nichols, Tweed and Hagar were declared elected.

Nichols, Wm., Tweed, Benj.F., Hogan, Daniel B.; election of.

The Board, by a vote of 13 to 8, voted to proceed to a second ballot.

The Chair appointed the same committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee attended to their duties, and reported as follows: —

Whole number of ballots		. .	22
Necessary for a choice		. .	13
Lucretia Hale	had	. .	1
Francis S. Williams	"	. .	2
David F. Lincoln	"	. .	2
Henry L. Richards	"	. .	2
Geo. H. Howison	"	. .	3
John P. Lambert	"	. .	3
Albert P. Marble	"	. .	4
Granville B. Putnam	"	. .	6
C. Goodwin Clark	"	. .	7
Geo. M. Folsom	"	. .	7
Lucretia Crocker	"	. .	8
Samuel W. Mason	"	. .	10
Ellis Peterson	"	. .	11

And no choice was made.

On motion of Mr. Palmer, the Board voted 15 to 3 to proceed to a third ballot.

Mr. Finney asked to be excused from serving upon the committee; and the Chair appointed Messrs.

Warren P. Adams, Moran, and Godfrey Morse a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for Supervisors.

The committee attended to their duties and reported as follows: —

Whole number of ballots	. .	23
Necessary for a choice	. .	13
Francis S. Williams had	. .	1
David F. Lincoln "	. .	1
John P. Lambert "	. .	2
George H. Howison "	. .	2
Henry L. Richards "	. .	3
Granville B. Putnam "	. .	4
Albert P. Marble "	. .	4
Lucretia Crocker "	. .	9
George M. Folsom "	. .	9
C. Goodwin Clark "	. .	9
Samuel W. Mason "	. .	11
Ellis Peterson "	. .	14

Peterson, Ellis; election of.

And Ellis Peterson was declared elected.

Mr. James Morse moved to adjourn.

By request, the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Winship, from the Committee on Sewing, presented the following nomination: —

Stall, Sarah A.; sewing-teacher.

Ordered, That Mrs. Sarah A. Stall be appointed as sewing-teacher in the Bennett Grammar and Harvard Grammar Schools of Brighton, to commence on the 20th of March, 1876.

Mr. James Morse moved to adjourn, and at five minutes past ten the Board adjourned for two weeks, to March 28, 1876.

Attest: GEORGE A. SMITH, *Secretary*.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 21, 1876.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council chamber, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

The President presided.

All the members except Miss Crocker and Mr. Fletcher were present.

On motion of Mr. Wm. T. Adams, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The Chair read the following communication from the City Council: —

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
March 21, 1876.

To the Chairman of the School Board: —

New school building, concerning.

DEAR SIR, — I am directed by the Committee on Public Buildings to make known to you that the new Grammar School house for the Winthrop District, Charlestown, corner of Edgeworth street, is completed in accordance with the plans and specifications for building, and is now given over to the charge of your Board.

Yours respectfully,

H. B. FISHER,
Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on the Second Division and the Committee on School-houses.

The Chair read the following communications, which were ordered to be placed on file.

BOSTON, March 15, 1876.

Supervisor, acceptance; Wm. Nichols.

MR. GEORGE A. SMITH, *Secretary of the School Committee:* —

DEAR SIR, — I hereby accept the office of a Supervisor of Public Schools, to which you inform me I have been elected.

Yours truly,

WM. NICHOLS.

CAMBRIDGEPORT, March 17, 1876.

Supervisor, acceptance; B. F. Tweed.

GEORGE A. SMITH, *Secretary of School Committee:* —

DEAR SIR, — I hereby accept the office of a Supervisor of the Public Schools, to which your note informs me I was elected on the 14th inst.

Yours truly,

B. F. TWEED.

WORCESTER, March 18, 1876.

Supervisor, acceptance; Ellis Peterson.

GEORGE A. SMITH, ESQ., *Secretary of Boston School Committee:* —

DEAR SIR, — Your note was received, informing me that I was elected, March 14, 1876, by the School Committee of Boston, a Supervisor of the Public Schools. Will you communicate to the School Board my acceptance of the supervisorship, and my grateful sense of the high honor they have done me.

Very respectfully,

ELLIS PETERSON.

SALEM, March 21, 1876.

Supervisor, declination; D. B. Hagar.

GEORGE A. SMITH, ESQ., *Secretary of the School Committee of Boston:* —

DEAR SIR, — Your communication, notifying me of my election as a member of the Board of Supervisors of the public schools of Boston, was duly received. I have delayed giving my answer, because I have been in doubt what answer to give. After the most careful deliberation, I have concluded that I must decline to accept the office tendered me.

Although I can truly say that I never sought for a nomination to the Board of Supervisors, I did feel willing, and so expressed myself, to serve on that Board if the School Committee should honor me with an election; but it was with the understanding,

on my part certainly, that it should appear to be the *general* wish of the committee to employ my services.

But since, on the one hand, the committee seems to have been very evenly divided in its expression of a wish for my services, while, on the other hand, the State Board of Education unanimously desires me to remain in my present position, I feel that my usefulness as an educator is more promising in Salem than it would be in Boston.

I can honestly say that I have had no purpose to act otherwise than in good faith towards the School Committee of Boston; and that, while I respectfully, but conclusively, decline the office tendered me, I gratefully appreciate the honor attending the election.

Yours respectfully,

D. B. HAGAR.

Mr. Finney moved that the Board proceed to a ballot for three Supervisors of the Public Schools. Supervisors ballots.

Mr. Fitzgerald presented a petition from William Lloyd Garrison, Moses Kimball, and one hundred and sixty others, in favor of the election of Lucretia Crocker as a Supervisor. Supervisors; petition in favor of Miss Crocker.

Mr. Hutchins presented the name of Mr. J. M. Whiton. Supervisor; J. M. Whiton.

Mr. Perkins asked for information as to the legal objections to the election of a member of the Board.

The Chair read the following opinion of the City Solicitor upon the subject: —

Supervisor; opinion of City Solicitor.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
2 Pemberton Square,
BOSTON, March 21st, 1876.

Hon. SAMUEL C. COBB,
Mayor, etc., etc., etc.

DEAR SIR, — In answer to your inquiry I have to say that no member of the School Committee is eligible to the office of Supervisor. In the 7th section of the 241st chapter of the Acts of 1875 there is the following express provision: "No mem-

ber of either branch of the City Council or of the School Committee shall hold the office of Superintendent or Supervisor," etc.

Very truly yours,

J. P. HEALY.

The motion to proceed to a ballot passed, and the Chair appointed Messrs. Winship, Moran and Blakemore a committee to collect, sort and count the votes. The committee attended to their duties and reported as follows: —

Whole number of ballots	. .	23
Necessary for a choice	. .	13
Annie Johnson	had . .	1
Albert P. Marble	" . .	2
Henry L. Richards	" . .	2
Francis S. Williams	" . .	2
George H. Howison	" . .	3
John P. Brown	" . .	3
J. M. Whiton	" . .	5
Granville B. Putnam	" . .	5
George M. Folsom	" . .	9
Lucretia Crocker	" . .	11
C. Goodwin Clark	" . .	11
Samuel W. Mason	" . .	15

Supervisor; S. W. Mason elected.

And Samuel W. Mason was declared elected.

Mr. Warren P. Adams moved to proceed to a second ballot.

The motion prevailed and the Chair appointed the same committee to collect, sort and count the votes.

The committee attended to their duties and reported as follows: —

Whole number of ballots	. .	21
Necessary for a choice	. .	13
Henry L. Richards had	. .	2
Francis S. Williams "	. .	5
J. M. Whiton "	. .	7
C. Goodwin Clark "	. .	8
George M. Folsom "	. .	10
Lucretia Crocker "	. .	10

And no choice was made.

Mr. Warren P. Adams moved to proceed to a third ballot.

Mr. James Morse moved as a substitute that the election be postponed till the next meeting.

The motion was lost and the Board voted to proceed to a ballot.

Miss May presented the resignation of Miss Crocker, as follows: —

Lucretia Crocker's resignation.

BOSTON, March 21st, 1876.

To the President of the School Committee: —

I am fully aware of my obligations to the voters of this city for the position I now occupy, and in which I have endeavored to serve their interests faithfully.

I have not sought to leave this position, nor should I leave it except at the bidding of this committee, to enter upon a service of greater responsibility and greater labor.

To such service the Committee on Nominations, through their chairman, indicated that my election would be desirable, were I not ineligible.

The ineligibility must be my membership of this Board. Therefore, by the advice and solicitation of several members of the Board, and of many earnestly interested citizens outside of it, I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the School Committee.

Very respectfully,

LUCRETIA CROCKER.

Yeas and nays on acceptance of resignation.

Mr. William T. Adams called for the yeas and nays upon the acceptance of the resignation, for the purpose expressed in the communication.

The yeas and nays were ordered; nineteen members voted yea, and four members voted nay, as follows: —

Yeas: Messrs. Blake, Chapin, Finney, Fitzgerald, Flint, Miss Hale, Messrs. Hayes, Hutchins, Learnard, Miss May, Messrs. Moran, Godfrey Morse, James Morse, Palmer, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Perkins, Thayer, Windship, and the Mayor.

Nays: Messrs. Warren P. Adams, Wm. T. Adams, Blakemore, and Plummer.

The motion to proceed to a ballot prevailed, and the Chair appointed the same committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee attended to their duties and reported as follows: —

Whole number of ballots	. .	23
Necessary for a choice	. .	13
Henry L. Richards had	. .	2
Francis S. Williams "	. .	3
J. M. Whiton "	. .	5
C. Goodwin Clark "	. .	10
George M. Folsom "	. .	11
Lucretia Crocker "	. .	14

Supervisor; Lucretia Crocker elected.

And Lucretia Crocker was declared elected.

Mr. Godfrey Morse moved that the Board proceed to a fourth ballot, and the motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed the same committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee attended to their duties, and reported as follows: —

Whole number of ballots . .	23
Necessary for a choice . .	13
Granville B. Putnam had . .	1
Henry L. Richards " . .	1
C. Goodwin Clark " . .	8
George M. Folsom " . .	13

And George M. Folsom was declared elected.

Supervisor; George M. Folsom elected.

Mr. Finney offered the following order, which was adopted: —

Vacancy in the Board.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen to inform that Body that a vacancy exists in the Board of School Committee, caused by the resignation of Lucretia Crocker, and proposing that a convention of said Board of Aldermen and School Committee be held at 7½ o'clock, P.M., on Tuesday evening, April 11th, for the purpose of filling said vacancy for the remainder of this municipal year; and that public notice thereof be given according to law.

Mr. Learnard offered the following order, which was adopted: —

High Schools; rearranging studies.

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools consider the expediency of rearranging the studies of the several High Schools, so as to make them uniform, as far as is possible, in all the schools of that grade in the city.

Mr. Hutchins offered the following order, which was adopted: —

High Schools; text and reference books.

Ordered, That the Committee on the High Schools be instructed to report in print a list of the text-

books authorized and used in each High School; also such books of reference as have been authorized and are in use in each High School.

Sewing teachers; compensation of.

Mr. Learnard offered the following order, which was adopted under a suspension of the rules: —

Ordered, That in no case shall the compensation paid to a sewing-teacher exceed the rate of eight hundred dollars per annum.

Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Chapin offered the following order, which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations: —

Ordered, That an additional committee of this Board be appointed, whose duty it shall be to purchase all supplies for the use of the public schools of the city, said committee to be called "Committee on Supplies."

Nichols, Wm., resignation as principal of Evening High School.

Mr. Finney presented the resignation of Wm. Nichols as principal of the Evening High School, to take effect March 18th; which was accepted.

Owen, Roscoe P., nomination as principal of Evening High School.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated Roscoe P. Owen as principal of the Evening High School, term of service commencing March 20, 1876.

Additional accommodations for School Board.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams offered the following order, which was referred to the Committee on School-houses: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish additional accommodations for the School Board, the rooms now in use being insufficient.

Division Committee; inspect school rooms, etc.

Miss May offered the following order, which was adopted: —

Ordered, That the Division Committee be requested to inspect the school-houses of their several divisions, with a view to ascertaining the number of rooms in

which the scholars have light from other directions than the left hand; and that in all such cases, where the seats may without much expense be changed to give the correct light, the committees recommend such changes to the Committee on School-houses, who shall report to the Board in reference thereto, on or before April 25th, prox.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved that the Board take up the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, and the motion prevailed. Rules and Regulations; consideration of.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams moved that Chapter VIII. be considered, and that Sections 91, 92 and 93 be adopted.

Passed.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams moved that the Rules and Regulations be laid upon the table, that the Committee on Salaries might make a report, and the motion prevailed.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, from the Committee on Salaries, reported the following, which was adopted: — Salaries;

The Committee on Salaries have considered the matter of the salary of the Messenger of the School Committee, and submit the following order: — Messenger.

Ordered, That the salary of the Messenger of the School Committee shall be at the rate of seven hundred and fifty dollars a year, in full payment for all services rendered by the Messenger and his assistants, as provided in Chapter VIII. of the Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams moved that the Rules and Regulations be taken from the table, and the motion prevailed. Sections 69, 70, 75, and 80 were severally adopted. Rules and Regulations; consideration of.

Mr. Hutchins moved that the words "or diminished" shall be inserted after the word "increased," in

the sixth line of Section 81, so that it shall read "shall not be increased or diminished during such year;" also, to strike out, in the third and fourth lines, "and by the act organizing the School Committee of the City of Boston," and the quotation marks in the section.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to amend by striking out all after "school year," in the third line. Lost.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams moved to amend by inserting the word "changed," for "increased or diminished," in the sixth line, so that it shall read, "shall not be changed during such year."

The amendment was accepted, and Mr. Hutchins' motion passed, 12 to 3.

Sections 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 105, 106, 107, were severally adopted.

Mr. Chapin moved to lay Sect. 107 upon the table.

As the motion would carry the report with it, it was withdrawn.

Mr. Chapin moved to reconsider Sections 105, 106, 107. Passed.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams moved to pass over the chapter; and the motion prevailed.

Sections 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, were severally adopted.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams moved that Chapter XII. be adopted as a whole.

Miss Peabody objected, and the sections were considered separately.

Sections 136, 137, were severally adopted.

Miss Peabody moved to strike out "in detail," in the second line of Section 138. Lost.

Sections 138, 139, 140, 141, were severally adopted.

Miss Hale moved to add to the Section 142, "and shall likewise inform all persons who have filed an application, of such examination." Lost.

Mr. James Morse moved to add, "that all who have filed written application shall be notified of such examination." Lost, 4 to 12.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to amend by striking out "not more than," in the fourth line, and insert "at least." Passed, 10 to 7.

Section 142, as thus amended, was adopted.

Mr. Flint moved to strike out all after "examination," in the seventh line. Lost.

Mr. Finney moved to insert "a Normal School" in place of "the Boston Normal School" in the ninth line. Lost.

Sections 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, were severally adopted.

Mr. Godfrey Morse moved to recommit Section 148. Lost, 6 to 8.

Mr. James Morse moved to adjourn.

On request, the motion was withdrawn.

Sections 149, 150, 151, 152, were severally adopted.

Mr. W. T. Adams moved the adoption of the chapter as a whole.

Passed.

The Board voted to lay the rules and regulations upon the table.

Mr. Fitzgerald offered the following order, which was adopted: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Elections be requested to report at the next meeting of the Board a candidate to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Lucretia Crocker.

Vacancy; Committee on Elections to report a candidate.

The Committee on Evening Schools nominated

Roscoe P. Owen as principal of the Evening High School; term of service commencing March 20th.

Committee on Exhibits of the Women's Centennial, concerning.

The Chair read the following communication from the Committee on Exhibits of the Women's Centennial Commission, which was referred to the Committee on Drawing, with full powers.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:—

The Committee on Exhibits of the Women's Centennial Commission respectfully ask that they may be permitted to make a selection of drawings from the work of the girls in the Primary, Grammar and High Schools of the city, for exhibition in the "Women's Building" at Philadelphia; such selection to be made from the drawings soon to be exhibited in Horticultural Hall, and after the State Board of Education shall have made its choice of specimens.

For the Committee,
LOUISA B. GASTON.

On motion of Mr. James Morse, the Board, at ten minutes past ten, adjourned to Tuesday, March 28th, at 7.30 P. M.

Attest:

GEORGE A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 28, 1876.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council chamber, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

The Vice-President presided.

All the members except the President of the Board and Messrs. Blake and Thayer were present.

On motion of Mr. Godfrey Morse, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The Chair read the following communications, which were ordered to be placed on file: —

BOSTON, March 23, 1876. Supervisor, acceptance; S. W. Mason.

DEAR SIR, — I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter informing me of my election as a member of the Board of Supervisors. I accept the position, and shall be ready to enter upon the duties of the office when so ordered by the committee.

Yours truly,

S. W. MASON.

GEO. A. SMITH, ESQ.,
Secretary of the School Committee of Boston.

BOSTON, March 23, 1876 Supervisor, acceptance; Lucretia Crocker.

To the Secretary of the School Committee: —

I have received yours of the 22d, notifying me of my election as a member of the Board of Supervisors, and I hereby signify my acceptance of the office.

Respectfully,

LUCRETIA CROCKER.

Supervisor, acceptance; George M. Folsom.

88 MARLBORO' ST., BOSTON, March 22, 1876.

MR. GEORGE A. SMITH, *Secretary of the School Committee of Boston:* —

DEAR SIR, — I have received your letter of this date, notifying me of my election as a member of the Board of Supervisors of the Public Schools of Boston.

Will you please to communicate to the School Committee my acceptance of the position.

Very respectfully,

GEORGE M. FOLSOM.

Report Committee on Rules and Regulations. Prof. Proctor's lecture on Astronomy.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, submitted a report relating to Professor Proctor's request to deliver a lecture on Astronomy before the pupils of the Public Schools.

The committee, in view of the day selected occurring in vacation, deemed it impracticable to grant the request, and offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the School Committee of Boston tender their thanks to Professor Richard A. Proctor, for his generous offer to deliver his lecture, "Other Worlds and other Suns," before the pupils of the Public Schools, with the regrets of the Board, that as the only day available for the purpose comes in vacation, it would be impossible to make the arrangement for the lecture.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Elections, report committee; vacancy in Board.

Mr. Fitzgerald reported from the Committee on Elections: —

The Committee on Elections, to whom was referred the order of the Board, requesting them to report a candidate to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Miss Lucretia Crocker, have attended to that duty, and beg to report the names of Mr. William B. Merrill and Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells.

Mr. Perkins from the Committee on the Third Division, reported the following order: — Third Division; master in Eliot School.

Ordered, That whereas a vacancy at present exists in the Mastership of the Eliot Grammar School, which it is important to fill without delay, the Committee on Examinations be requested to cause an examination of applicants for the second grade to be made, and report a list of candidates whom they consider to be qualified.

Mr. Perkins, from the Committee on Drawing, reported upon the order, requesting information as to the amount of time given to Drawing in the public schools, and whether or not more work was required than could be performed in the time allotted. Drawing; report committee.

The committee state that they requested answers from all the masters as to the amount of time given, and whether work was done out of school; and from the various answers returned the committee report that nearly all of the masters believe the work can be done in the time allowed by the Board; fourteen only out of fifty-four believing to the contrary, and four believing that the requirements were too great for certain classes. The report was accepted.

Mr. Finney offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be requested to consider the expediency of abolishing the preparatory classes in the Latin School, and also of placing that school and the English High School under the same head-master. Passed. Latin School, consolidation with High.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams moved to take from the table the Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations. Rules and Regulations; consideration of.

Section 160 was adopted.

Mr. Flint moved to amend Sect. 161 by striking out

in the seventh line the words, "giving an average of at least two hours a day to their instruction." Lost.

Mr. Chapin moved to strike out "Primary Schools," in the third line. Lost.

Mr. Hutchins moved to substitute "two hours and a-half" for "two hours," in the eighth line. Lost, 8 to 11.

Sections 161, 162 and 163 were severally adopted.

Mr. Warren P. Adams moved to amend Section 164 by striking out "at the close of each session," in the third line. Passed.

Sections 164, 165, 166, 167, and 168 were severally adopted.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams moved to substitute "the" in place of "each," in the second line, and to add the letter "s" to "principal," in the same line; so that it shall read, "Annually, on the school day next preceding the 22d of February, the principals shall assemble the pupils."

Passed.

The section, as thus amended, was adopted.

Sections 175 and 176 were severally adopted.

Mr. Hutchins moved to amend Section 177 by striking out "not exceeding fifteen minutes at noon and thirty minutes in the afternoon."

Lost.

The section was then adopted.

Mr. Warren P. Adams moved to amend Section 178 by adding to the section: "The Superintendent may also for the same reason omit the morning session by having the same signal given at fifteen minutes past eight o'clock." Passed.

The section, as thus amended, was adopted.

Section 179 was adopted.

Mr. Hutchins moved to substitute the following for Section 180: —

"The morning exercises of all the schools shall commence with the reading of a portion of the Scriptures; to be followed by the Lord's Prayer, or by a voluntary prayer by the teacher." Lost.

Sections 180, 181, 182, 183 and 184 were severally adopted.

Miss Hale moved to amend Section 185, by inserting in the fourteenth line from the top of the page the words, "the Girls' Grammar or," so that it shall read, "corporal punishment shall not be inflicted in the Girls' Grammar or the High Schools."

Passed.

Mr. Warren P. Adams moved to amend the same section, by striking out in the fourth line, on page 39, all from the word "corporal" to the word "session," in the seventh line, both words included; and also "during such session," in the ninth line.

Mr. Hutchins moved to amend by retaining "At the close of the session," substituting "day" for "session" in the seventh and ninth lines.

Accepted by Mr. W. P. Adams.

And the amendment, as thus proposed, striking out "Corporal punishment shall not be inflicted in any Grammar or Primary School without the consent or approval of the principal first obtained in each and every case," passed.

The section, as thus amended, was adopted.

Mr. Hutchins moved to amend Section 186, by striking out the last five lines of the section commencing with the words "Whenever any scholar," etc. Passed.

The section, as thus amended, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Warren P. Adams, the Board at five minutes past ten adjourned to Tuesday, April 11th, at 7.30 P.M.

Attest:

GEORGE A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 11, 1876.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council chamber, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

The Vice-President presided.

All the members, except Mr. Hayes, were present.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Vacancy in the School Board.

The Chair read a notification from the Board of Aldermen of their concurrence in the proposition to form a convention on this day and at this time, with this Board, for the purpose of filling the vacancy in this committee, caused by the resignation of Lucretia Crocker, and the two bodies assembled accordingly. The convention was held, the President of the School Committee in the Chair.

Convention to fill vacancy.

Mr. Fitzgerald, from the committee appointed to nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy, reported that said committee had determined to suggest two names for the consideration of the convention; and he submitted the names of William B. Merrill and Kate Gannett Wells. The Chair appointed Alderman Stebbins and Messrs. Finney and Blake of this committee, to receive, sort, and count the ballots for a person to fill said vacancy. And they, having attended to that duty, reported that the whole number of ballots was 32.

Necessary for a choice, under the rule, 19.

William B. Merrill had 17,

Kate Gannett Wells had 15,

And there was no choice.

The convention having voted to proceed to another ballot, it appeared that the whole number of votes was 33.

Necessary for a choice, 19.

Kate Gannett Wells had 13,

Election of William B. Merrill as a member of the School Board.

William B. Merrill had 20,

and he was accordingly declared to be elected a member of this committee for the remainder of this municipal year.

The business of the convention having been accomplished, the two Boards separated, and the convention was dissolved.

Rules and Regulations.

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, the Vice-President in the Chair.

Mr. W. T. Adams moved to amend Section 187, page 40, by striking out all after the word "absentee" to the end of the fifth line, inserting in the place of the same the following: —

"Substitutes shall be paid by the teachers in whose places they are employed at the rate herein provided; and the principals shall make monthly returns to the Committee on Accounts of all substitutes employed in their schools or districts, in a blank furnished for the purpose."

Also to strike out all after the word "substitute," in the fourteenth line, to, and including, the word "absentee," in the eighteenth line.

Also, in the last line of the section, the words "or part of a day."

The several amendments were passed, and the section, as thus amended, was adopted.

Sections 188, 189, and 190 were severally adopted.

Mr. Hutchins moved to strike out Section 191.

Lost.

Sections 191, 192, 193, 194, 195 and 196 were severally adopted.

Mr. Hutchins moved to strike out in Section 197 the words "neither a" and substitute the word "no." Also, in the same line, to strike out the words, "nor one who has only a temporary residence in the city."

Lost.

Miss May moved to amend the section by adding after the word "but," in the fourth line, the words "in conformity with the statutes."

Lost.

The section was then adopted.

Sections 198, 199, 200, 201 and 202 were severally adopted.

Mr. W. T. Adams moved to strike out in the fourth line of Section 203 the words, "in the month of May."

Passed.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to strike out the first lines of the section, to the word "direct," in the fifth line.

Lost, by a vote of 6 to 12.

Mr. Warren P. Adams moved to strike out the word "annual," in the first line of the section, and to substitute for the word "may," in the third line, the word "shall."

Passed.

The section, as thus amended, was adopted.

Mr. Godfrey Morse moved to amend Section 204, by striking out the words, "Wednesday and," also the word "afternoon," in the second and third lines.

Lost, by a vote of 7 to 11.

Mr. Hutchins moved to amend the same section, by adding the word "Normal" after the word "the," in the tenth line.

Passed.

Mr. Hutchins moved to strike out, in the same section, the words "three-fourths," in the sixteenth line, and substitute the words, "a majority."

Lost.

Section 204, as thus amended, was adopted.

Mr. Flint moved to lay the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on the table.

Passed.

Mr. Warren P. Adams offered the following order: —

Annual School Festival; Committee appointed.

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to make arrangements for, and to take charge of, the Annual School Festival.

Passed.

The Chair appointed, as such committee, Messrs. Warren P. Adams, John G. Blake, William H. Finney, William T. Adams, and John E. Blakemore.

Mr. Flint offered the following order: —

Examination of teachers.

Ordered, That all teachers in the employ of the city, who have not been confirmed, be notified of the examinations to be held on the 21st instant, and that they be informed that the Supervisors' "Certificate of Qualification" for a specified grade will be necessary before they can be confirmed.

Mr. Finney moved to amend the order by inserting after the word "confirmed," the words, "and who were not in the service of the city as teachers on the 10th of January, 1876."

Passed.

The order as thus amended was then adopted.

The Chair read a communication from the parents of present or recent members of the Latin School, asking for a hearing relative to certain propositions now before the Board, to cut off the lower classes of the Latin School, and to place the remaining classes under the charge of the head-master of the English High School. Petition as to Latin School classes.

Mr. W. T. Adams moved that the communication be referred to the Committee on the High School, with instructions to that committee to give a hearing as prayed for.

Passed.

Mr. W. T. Adams offered the following order: —

Ordered, That, after the termination of the present school year, the annual salaries of the instructors of the public schools be paid in ten monthly instalments, and that no salary be paid for the months of July and August. Payment of salaries of teachers in instalments.

Referred to Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to adjourn for one week.

Mr. James Morse moved to substitute two weeks for one week.

Lost.

Mr. Fitzgerald's motion to adjourn for one week was passed, and the Board adjourned at ten minutes before ten.

Attest:

GEORGE A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 18th, 1876.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council chamber, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

The Vice-President presided.

All the members, except the President and Messrs. Hayes and Winship, were present.

On motion of Mr. James Morse, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. Perkins presented the credentials of William B. Merrill as a member of the School Committee, as follows: — Credentials of William B. Merrill.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, April 11th, 1876.

WILLIAM B. MERRILL: —

SIR, — I have the honor to inform you that, at a meeting of the School Committee and Board of Aldermen of this city, in convention assembled, you were this day duly elected a member of said School Committee for the remainder of this municipal year, in the place of Lucretia Crocker, resigned.

S. F. McCLEARY,
City Clerk.

The credentials were referred to the Committee on Elections, who subsequently reported the same as correct, and the gentleman appeared and took his seat.

The Chair made the following nominations for committees, which were approved: — Nominations for Committees.

School for Deaf Mutes, Mr. Palmer, Chairman, and Mr. William B. Merrill to fill vacancy.

Normal School, Mr. William B. Merrill.

Division 5, Mr. William B. Merrill.

Committee on Examinations, Miss Peabody.

Committee on Kindergarten Schools, Mr. Fletcher.

Resignation from Committee.

The Chair read the resignation of Mr. William T. Adams from the Committee on Accounts.

The resignation was accepted.

Appointment to fill vacancy.

The Chair appointed Mr. William B. Merrill to fill the vacancy.

Appointment of Assistant Secretary.

The Chair read the appointment by the Secretary of George M. Towle to be Assistant Secretary, and the appointment was approved.

Mr. William T. Adams moved that the Committee on Salaries consider and report a salary for the Assistant Secretary.

Passed.

Normal Schools.

Mr. Hutchins, from the Committee on Normal Schools, offered the following orders, which were referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations: —

Ordered, That the Normal School be transferred to the upper story of the Rice Grammar School building, as soon as practicable.

Training School.

Ordered, That the schools of the Rice District constitute a school for observation and practice by the pupils of the Normal School, to be known as the Rice Training School.

Ordered, That the present master of the High School be the principal of the Training School.

Ordered, That the following sections be added to the regulations of the Normal School: —

TRAINING DEPARTMENT.

SECT. The Rice Training School is designed to furnish an opportunity for the pupils of the Normal School to obtain a practical knowledge of the methods

of instruction and discipline in the public schools of Boston.

SECT. The Committee on the Normal School shall have charge of the Training School.

SECT. The head-master of the Normal School shall have the direction of the observation, practice, and methods of instruction in the Training School, subject to the approval of the committee in charge.

SECT. The principal of the Training School shall perform in that school the usual duties of master of a Grammar School, and such duties in connection with the Normal School as the committee in charge may direct.

SECT. The number and grades of teachers other than principal, and the course of study, in the Training School, shall be the same as in the Grammar and Primary Schools of the city.

Ordered, That such instruction be given in the Normal School to teachers already in the employ of the city as the Board may from time to time direct.

Ordered, That Section 4 of the Rules be amended, by substituting the word "five" for "three" in the last line.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Examinations, offered the following order, the rules being suspended so that the order might now be considered, by a vote of 18 to 2.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be authorized to issue provisory certificates, according to the accompanying form, to candidates for positions as teachers, who may fail to pass examination in some one or two departments at the current examinations, in 1876, the certificate allowing them to act as temporary teachers and substitutes. Provisory Certificates.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

PROVISORY CERTIFICATE.

This is to certify that A. B—— passed the examination held by the Board of Supervisors on the of except in

A certificate of qualification of the grade will be granted, provided (s)he shall have passed a special examination in within a year from this date. Meantime (s)he is eligible for service as a substitute, or as a temporary teacher in a school.

_____ *Superintendent.*

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_____ } *Supervisors.*

BOSTON, _____ 1876.

The order was passed.

Mr. William T. Adams offered the following order, which was referred to the Committee on School-houses: —

Additional Accommodations; Dorchester-Everett District.

Ordered, That the City Government be requested to furnish additional accommodations for the use of the Dorchester-Everett School District.

Mr. Chapin, from the Committee on School-houses, reported that the following order, which was referred to them, ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a school-building, for both Primary and Grammar classes, at Egleston square.

Passed.

Mr. Chapin, from the same committee, offered the

following order, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts: —

Ordered, That the order for additional chemical apparatus for the Brighton High School, referred to the Committee on School Houses, January 25th, 1876, ought to pass. Chemical Apparatus.

Mr. Chapin offered the following order, which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, in conjunction with the Committee on Salaries: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses appoint a suitable person to take general supervision of janitors, and to perform such other duties as they may require, at a salary not exceeding twelve hundred dollars. Supervision of Janitors.

Mr. Plummer offered the following order, which was referred to the Committee on Salaries: —

Ordered, That Mary A. Davis, head-assistant and teacher of the class next below the sub-master's in the Adams School, be paid at the rate of one thousand dollars per year from February 7th, 1876. Mary A. Davis; Salary.

Mr. Plummer, from the Committee on the First Division, moved that Mrs. Pierce, a teacher in the Prescott Grammar School, be confirmed. Mrs. Pierce's confirmation.

Referred to the Committee on Nominations under the Rule.

Mr. Perkins submitted the following order, and asked that the rules be suspended that the order might be passed at the present time: —

Ordered, That all teachers who were in the service of the city within the past three years, having been duly confirmed, and not dismissed from the service, shall be exempt from examination, and be entitled to certificates according to their respective grades. Exemption of confirmed teachers.

Miss May moved the following order as an amendment: —

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors have authority to report to the Board, for special consideration, all cases that they deem exceptional.

The suspension of the rules was lost by a vote of 12 to 8.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, the order and the amendment were referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Rules and Regulations.

Mr. James Morse moved to take from the table the Rules and Regulations.

Passed.

Mr. James Morse moved to amend the record by substituting for the word "three," in the twelfth line of Section 143 (page 31), the word "four."

Lost.

Mr. Flint moved to reconsider Section 204.

Passed.

Mr. Flint moved to amend Section 204, by inserting after the word "September," in the eleventh line, "and to the Normal and High Schools till the following Wednesday."

The amendment was passed, and the section, as thus amended, was adopted.

Sections 210, 211, 212, 213 and 214 were severally adopted.

Miss Peabody moved to amend Section 215, by inserting in the third line, after the word "care," the words, "They shall arrange the daily exercises in their classes, so that every scholar shall have, at least once in each session, in addition to the recess, some kind of physical exercise in the school-room, for at least five minutes."

Passed, and the section, as thus amended, was adopted.

Mr. W. T. Adams moved to amend Section 216, by

inserting after the period in the third line, "The teachers of the Primary Schools shall be designated as fourth assistants."

Passed, and the section, as thus amended, was adopted.

Mr. W. P. Adams moved to amend Section 217, by inserting after the word "advisable," "subject to the approval of the Board."

Mr. Hutchins moved to substitute for "Division Committee," in the same section, the words "Sewing Committee."

Accepted by Mr. Adams, and the amendment passed.

Mr. W. T. Adams moved that the section be rejected.

Passed.

Mr. W. T. Adams offered the following as a new Section 217: —

"SECT. 217. Instruction in vocal music shall be given by the regular teachers during the first hour of the morning session each day of the week, in lessons of ten minutes' duration."

Mr. Godfrey Morse moved to recommit the section.

Lost.

The new section was then rejected, by 7 to 8.

The chapter was then adopted.

Section 225 was adopted.

Mr. Godfrey Morse moved to amend Part 3, Section 226, by striking out, "upon the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations."

Lost.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to amend Part 3, by substituting the word "report" for the word "recommendation."

Passed.

Mr. Hutchins moved to change the figures in Part 2, by substituting for "200," in the second line, "300"; for "100," in the third line, "200"; for "200," in the fourth line, "300"; and for "100," in the fifth line, "200."

Passed.

Mr. Hutchins moved to recommit Part 4 to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Lost, by 8 to 5.

Mr. Hutchins moved that the further consideration of the Rules and Regulations be laid upon the table.

Passed.

Mr. Perkins offered the following order: —

Vocal Music in Primary Schools.

Ordered, That the subject of instruction in vocal music in the Primary Schools be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, in consultation with the Committee on Music.

The Chair stated that, to consider the order, a reconsideration of the vote by which the Board, in rejecting Section 217, had disposed of the subject, would be necessary.

Mr. Perkins gave notice of a motion to reconsider at the next meeting.

Assistant Secretary; reconsideration.

Mr. James Morse moved to reconsider the action of the Board in the matter of approving the nomination of George M. Towle as Assistant Secretary, and to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table prevailed.

Mr. Godfrey Morse moved to adjourn.

Passed.

The Board adjourned at ten minutes before ten, to meet on Tuesday, the 25th instant.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 25, 1876.

A regular and also adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, was held in the Common Council Chamber at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

The Vice-President presided.

All the members, except the President and Mr. Hayes, were present.

Revision of the minutes of last meeting.

The Chair stated that, owing to the absence of the Secretary upon business of the school department, the proof of the minutes of the last meeting was not seen by him, and several inaccuracies had occurred in the printed copy, which was to be revised and reprinted, and therefore requested that the approval of the minutes be passed over till the next meeting; and it was so voted.

Nomination of Helen M. Wallace on probation.

Mr. Thayer moved that the Rules be suspended, and that Miss Helen M. Wallace be nominated on probation, as an assistant in the Bigelow School,— term of service to begin Nov. 6, 1875; her nomination in due form, by the old Board, having been neglected through an inadvertency.

The rules were suspended, and the nomination was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Nomination of H. Elizabeth Cutter, Kate M. Hanson and Juliette J. Pierce.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations for confirmation, and moved that they be laid upon the table until the sections of the Rules relating to such nominations were adopted: —

H. Elizabeth Cutter, Warren School, to be fourth

assistant; Kate M. Hanson, Everett School, to be fourth assistant; Juliette J. Pierce, Prescott School, to be third assistant.

The motion was adopted, and the nominations were laid upon the table.

Erection of school-house in Dorchester-Everett District.

Mr. William T. Adams submitted the following order, and moved that it be referred to the Committee on School Houses with full powers: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a Grammar School House in the Dorchester-Everett School District; such School House to contain not less than ten rooms and a hall, on the site of the present school building.

The motion was adopted, and the order was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Additional accommodations in Minot District.

Mr. William T. Adams submitted the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Government be requested to furnish with suitable desks and chairs an additional room in the branch building, hired for the use of the Minot District, for the temporary accommodation of another division.

Passed.

Re-naming of school districts.

Mr. Finney offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to report an order re-naming the Grammar School districts, so that no two districts shall have the same name.

Passed.

Francis-street school-house.

Miss Peabody submitted the following order, which was referred to the Committee on School Houses: —

Ordered, That the unoccupied room in the Francis-street School House be fitted up for a Grammar School class-room.

Mr. Winship, from the Committee on Sewing, reported in writing, that additional schools and classes have been assigned to the following teachers of sewing already in the service: —

Assignment of teachers of sewing.

Mrs. Skilton, teacher of sewing in the Warren School and first division of the Prescott School, dating from March 1st.

Mrs. Boyd, teacher of sewing in the Winthrop School and two divisions of the Prescott School, dating from March 1st.

Mr. Perkins moved to take the Rules and Regulations from the table, and the motion prevailed.

Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Hutchins moved to amend Section 226, Part 2, as follows: —

"The provision of this part shall not affect the rank or the pay of any teacher who is now a principal."

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to amend the amendment of Mr. Hutchins by striking out the words "or the pay."

Passed by a vote of 12 to 11, the Chair giving a casting vote.

The amendment offered by Mr. Hutchins, as amended by vote of the Board, was adopted.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, the vote was reconsidered, and the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Warren P. Adams moved to amend Part 6 by inserting, after the word "assistant," in the second line, the following: "In schools hereafter formed, or when vacancies occur in those already established."

Lost.

Mr. Blakemore moved to amend by substituting for Part 2, as adopted, the section as reported by the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Lost.

Section 226 was then adopted.

Sections 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235 and 236 were severally adopted.

Mr. Hutchins moved to amend Section 237 by striking out the words, "In teaching arithmetic."

Passed.

The section, as thus amended, was adopted.

Sections 238, 239 and 240 were severally adopted.

Chapter XVI. was then adopted.

Mr. Finney moved to lay the Rules and Regulations upon the table.

Passed.

Teachers confirmed.

Mr. Finney moved that the report of the Committee on Nominations be considered; and that the teachers reported for confirmation be confirmed.

The motion prevailed, and the teachers were confirmed.

Rules and Regulations.

The Board then voted to proceed to the consideration of the Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Perkins moved a reconsideration of the vote by which Section 217 was adopted.

Passed.

Mr. Perkins submitted the following, to be substituted as a new Section 217: —

"Instruction in Vocal Music shall be given by the regular teachers in the Primary Schools, on each day of the week, during the first ten minutes of the last hour of the morning session."

The motion prevailed, and the new section was adopted.

Mr. William T. Adams, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom were referred an order relating to the exemption of confirmed teachers (page 73, Minutes), and an order relating to exceptional cases to be reported by the Board of Super-

visors to the Board (page 74), reported that the substance of the first order, offered by Mr. Perkins, ought to be incorporated in Section 148, page 32, after the word "confirmed," in the fifth line, as follows: —

"And, upon application, to all instructors who were in the service of the city at any time within three years preceding this date, who had been regularly confirmed and had not been dismissed;" and striking out "which," "this certificate shall entitle," etc., so that the section shall be as follows: —

SECTION 148. The Board of Supervisors shall grant certificates of service to all instructors in their respective grades, who were in the service of the City of Boston as teachers on the tenth day of January, 1876, when regularly confirmed, and, upon application, to all instructors who were in the service of the city at any time within the three years preceding this date, who had been regularly confirmed and had not been dismissed, and this certificate shall entitle the holder thereof to all the rights and privileges conferred by the certificate of qualification.

Mr. Godfrey Morse offered the following as a substitute for the amendment reported by the committee to Section 148, to be added to the section as it now stands: —

"The Board of Supervisors have authority to report to the Board, for special consideration, all cases that they deem exceptional"

Miss May moved that the yeas and nays be taken upon the substitute; and this motion prevailed.

The result of the vote by yeas and nays was as follows: —

Yeas: Messrs. Blake, Chapin, Finney, Fletcher,

Miss Hale, Miss May, Messrs. Moran, Godfrey Morse, James Morse, Miss Peabody, and Mr. Plummer. — 11.

Nays: Messrs. Warren P. Adams, William T. Adams, Blakemore, Fitzgerald, Hutchins, Merrill, Palmer and Thayer. — 8.

The substitute was then adopted, as the concluding sentence of Section 148.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved that the Rules and Regulations be laid upon the table.

Passed.

Eva Kellogg; certificate of service.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved that the rules be suspended, so that the following order might be considered: —

Ordered, That a certificate of service of the fourth grade be issued to Mrs. Eva Kellogg, now a temporary teacher in the Brimmer District.

The rules were suspended, and the order passed.

Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Warren P. Adams moved that the Rules and Regulations be taken from the table.

Passed.

Mr. Warren P. Adams moved to reconsider the action of the Board adopting Section 226, and to lay that motion upon the table.

Lost.

The Board then voted to lay the Rules and Regulations upon the table.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved that when the Board adjourn, it adjourn for one week, to Tuesday evening, May 2d, at 7.30 P.M.

Mr. Merrill moved to amend by substituting two weeks for one week.

Mr. Merrill's amendment was lost, and Mr. Fitzgerald's motion was passed.

On motion of Mr. James Morse, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes after ten.

Attest: GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 2, 1876.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

The Vice-President presided.

All the members, except the President and Messrs. Blake and Perkins were present.

On motion of Mr. Wm. B. Merrill the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with, the Board approving the records of the last two meetings as in print.

Nominations for confirmations.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations for confirmation: Louis H. Dutton, Adams School, to be sub-master; Isabella Shove, Lowell School, to be fourth assistant; Elizabeth E. Backup, Dearborn School, to be fourth assistant; Ella T. Jackson, Boys' Dudley School, to be fourth assistant; Ellen L. Wallace, Bigelow School, to be third assistant. The report was accepted and the nominations were confirmed.

Nomination of Lucy Dunham.

Mr. Warren P. Adams moved that the rules be suspended that he might submit the following order: —

Ordered, That Miss Lucy Dunham be nominated on probation as an assistant in the Shurtleff School, term of service to begin December 1st, 1875. The rules were suspended and the nomination was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Mary A. Davis; Report Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Wm. T. Adams, from the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred the order relating to the salary of Miss Mary A. Davis of the Adams School, reported,—

That an amendment to the schedule of salaries for the present school year provides that in mixed schools of more than five hundred scholars, the teacher of the second class of boys shall receive a salary of one thousand dollars. It appears that the class of Miss Davis consists of thirty-five boys and twenty girls, and is not therefore in the meaning of the amendment, "The second class of boys." The committee therefore report that the order ought not to pass.

The report was accepted.

Andrew School: Report Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Chapin, from the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred the various orders and papers relating to the erection of a new building for the Andrew Grammar School, reported that the committee were unanimous in recommending the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to build a Grammar school-house which will accommodate the Andrew District, at as early a date as possible.

The order passed.

Primary School; Dorchester-Everett District.

Mr. William T. Adams, from the Committee on the 9th Division, reported the following order, which was referred to the Committee on School Houses: —

Ordered, That a new Primary School be established at Mount Pleasant, in that part of the Dorchester-Everett District lying west of the New York and New England Railroad; and that the City Council be required to provide suitable accommodations for such school.

Substitutes for teachers of sewing.

Mr. Winship, from the Committee on Sewing, submitted the following order, which, on motion of Mr. Finney, was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Sewing be authorized to employ substitutes whenever necessary.

Mr. Finney offered the following order: — Jennie E. Howard; salary.

Ordered, That the maximum salary be paid to Jennie E. Howard, Third Assistant in the Harvard School, Charlestown.

Referred to Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer offered the following order: — Lewis H. Dutton; salary.

Ordered, That Lewis H. Dutton, Sub-Master in the Adams School, be paid the maximum salary of that grade from Dec. 20, 1875.

Referred to Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Flint, from the Committee on the High School, offered the following order: — Latin School; botanical specimens for.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to procure botanical specimens for the use of the classes in botany in the Latin School.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to amend by adding "the amount not to exceed seventy-five dollars."

The amendment was accepted by the mover, and the order passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Merrill offered the following order, which was passed under a suspension of the rules. W. C. F. Tracy; salary.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to pay W. C. F. Tracy the sum of twelve dollars and fifty cents, for services as door-keeper to the School Board, for the first quarter of the present year.

The Chair read the following communication, which was referred to the Committee on High Schools with full powers: — Independent Corp. Cadets; communication from Col. Edmands.

HEAD-QUARTERS, 1ST CORPS CADETS, M. V. M.
BOSTON, April 24th, 1876.

To His Honor the Mayor of Boston: —

The First Corps of Cadets, M.V.M., will escort and attend

His Excellency the Governor to and from and in Philadelphia; starting from Boston on Monday afternoon, May 8th, and arriving here on their return, Saturday noon, May 13th. One of the most valuable non-commissioned officers of the corps, Corporal F. E. Randall, is a teacher in the Latin School. I have the honor to request that he may be relieved from duty during the time above indicated, in order that he may perform this military duty.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
THOMAS F. EDMANDS,
Lieut. Colonel Commanding.

Assistant Secretary; reconsideration of appointment.

Mr. James Morse moved to take from the table the motion to reconsider the action of the Board confirming Mr. Geo. M. Towle as Assistant Secretary.

The motion prevailed, after discussion, the confirmation was reconsidered, and the nomination was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Separation; offices of Secretary and Auditing Clerk concerning.

Mr. Fitzgerald offered the following order, which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to inquire into the necessity of appointing an Assistant Secretary, and also of separating the office of Secretary from that of Auditor of Accounts.

Rules and Regulations; consideration of.

Mr. Thayer moved to take from the table the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. William T. Adams, from that committee, submitted drafts of the Regulations from Chapter 17 to Chapter 22 inclusive.

Section 245 was adopted.

Mr. Godfrey Morse moved to amend Section 246, in the first and third lines, by substituting "150" for "100."

Passed, 11 to 9.

The section as thus amended was adopted.

Sections 247, 248, 249, 250, and 251 were severally adopted.

Mr. Merrill moved to amend Section 252 by inserting after the word "Board," in the second line, the words, "except that of age."

Lost.

Section 252 was then adopted.

Mr. Finney moved to amend Section 253 by striking out the last four lines of the section.

Lost.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to amend by adding after the word "schools," in the third line, the words, "and approved by the Board."

Passed.

The section, as thus amended, was adopted.

Mr. Warren P. Adams moved to amend Section 254 by substituting in the fifth line for the words, "a full diploma," the words, "an additional diploma."

Passed.

The section, as thus amended, was adopted.

Mr. Merrill moved to amend Section 255 by inserting in the second line, after word "boys," the words, "who are thirteen years of age or more."

Passed.

The section, as thus amended, was adopted.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to amend section 256 by substituting "thirty-five" for "thirty," in the third line.

Passed.

The section was then adopted.

Mr. Palmer moved to amend Section 257 by striking out the words, "Assistant Principal."

Lost.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to postpone the consideration of Section 258 till the next meeting, and the motion prevailed.

Section 259 was adopted.

Mr. Hutchins moved to amend Section 260 by striking out all after the word "session," in the fourth line, to and including the word "forenoon," in the sixth line.

Mr. Finney moved that the Board adjourn.

The motion prevailed, and at fifteen minutes after ten the Board adjourned, to meet on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at 7.30 P. M.

Attest: GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 9th, 1876.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

The Vice-President presided.

All the members, except the President and Messrs. William T. Adams and J. G. Blake, were present.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business of the last meeting, it being the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Rules and Regulations; consideration of.

The amendment of Mr. Hutchins, as proposed at the last meeting, page 88 of the minutes, was passed, 12 to 4.

Section 260, as thus amended, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, the Board passed over Section 258, and Chapter XVII., as amended, was adopted, excepting that section.

Sections 265, 266, 267, were severally adopted.

Mr. Flint moved to strike out Section 268.

Passed.

Chapter XVIII. was then adopted, as amended.

Section 275 was adopted.

Mr. Hutchins moved to amend Section 276, by substituting the word "other," for the word "fourth," in the third line.

Passed.

Section 276, as amended, was adopted.

Sections 277 and 278 were severally adopted.

Mr. Hutchins moved to amend Section 279 by inserting, after the words "Normal School," the words, "issued after the year 1872."

Passed.

The section was then adopted, as amended.

Sections 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, were severally adopted.

Chapter XIX. was then adopted, as amended.

Sections 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, were severally adopted.

Chapter XX. was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Perkins the title of Chapter XXI. was amended by substituting the word "industrial" for "mechanical."

Passed.

Mr. Perkins moved to amend Section 312 by substituting the word "industrial" for "mechanical" in the second line.

Passed.

Mr. Warren P. Adams moved to amend the same section by inserting after the word "drawing," in the second line, the words "under the direction of the Committee on Drawing."

Passed.

Section 312, as amended, was adopted.

Mr. Perkins moved to amend Section 313 by substituting the word "October" for "November," in the third line, and the words "first Monday in April" in place of "last school evening in March."

Mr. Finney called for a division of the question.

The motion to substitute the word "October" for "November" prevailed.

Mr. Perkins withdrew the last portion of the amendment proposed.

The section, as thus amended, was adopted.

Section 314 was adopted.

Mr. Perkins moved to strike out Section 315.

Passed.

Miss May moved to strike out of Section 316 the words "principal, and."

Passed.

The section, as thus amended, was adopted.

Sections 317, 318, 319, 320, 321 and 322 were severally adopted.

Chapter XXI. was then adopted, as amended.

Sections 330 and 331 were severally adopted.

Mr. Finney moved to amend Section 332, as follows: —

Strike out after "officer," in the sixth line, the words, "after consultation with the Chairman of the Division Committee in which such district is included, or, in his absence, with the Chairman of the Committee on Truant Officers," and add to the section these words: "The truant officer making the arrest shall, previous to the trial, notify the parents or guardians of said child, of the time and place of trial, by serving on them a written or printed notice."

Lost.

Upon motion of Mr. James Morse, the Board substituted for the words "Chairman of the Division Committee," "any member of the Division Committee."

Upon motion of Mr. Finney, the words, "or, in his absence" were stricken out.

The section, as thus amended, was adopted.

Section 333 was adopted.

Chapter XXII. was then adopted, as amended.

Mr. Winship moved to reconsider the vote adopting Section 214.

Passed.

Mr. Winship moved to amend the section by inserting after the word "advisable," in the seventh line, the following: "Sewing shall be taught in any Intermediate class of girls, under the direction of the Committee on Sewing, and the Division Committee in charge."

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to amend the amendment by substituting "if the Division Committee deem it expedient," in place of "and the Division Committee in charge."

Passed.

The amendment was then passed, and the section, as thus amended, was adopted.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to strike out Section 258.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, the Rules and Regulations were laid upon the table.

Mr. Finney reported as follows: —

Confirmation of teachers.

The Committee on Nominations have considered the several recommendations for the nomination of instructors for confirmation, submitted to them by committees in charge, and nominate for confirmation the candidates named below for the school or district, with the rank set against each: Lucy Dunham, Shurtleff, fourth assistant; Florence L. Shedd, Lewis, fourth assistant; Ruth E. Lander, Charlestown-Prescott, third assistant; Wm. E. C. Rich, Lawrence, usher; Annie M. Connor, Lawrence, fourth assistant; Annette Glidden, Mather, third assistant; E. Maria Harriman, Harris, third assistant; Julia B. Worsley, Stoughton, fourth assistant; Elizabeth A. Flint, Harris, fourth assistant.

The report was accepted and the teachers confirmed.

Mr. Fitzgerald, from the Fourth Division, under a suspension of the rules, submitted the following nomination, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations: —

The Committee on the Fourth Division nominate, on probation, Eva D. Kellogg as third assistant in the Newbury-street school of the Brimmer District; term of service to date from March 7, 1876. E. D. Kellogg; nomination of.

Mr. Thayer, from the Sixth Division, under a suspension of the rules, submitted the nomination on probation of Miss Ella L. Chittenden, with the rank of assistant in the Andrew School; term of service to comence Dec. 13, 1875. The nomination was referred to the Committee on Nominations. E. L. Chittenden; nomination of.

Mr. Flint, from the Committee on High Schools, submitted the following: — High Schools; examination of.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be excused from the uniform examination of the graduating classes of the High Schools, required in Section 141 of the Rules and Regulations, there not being at present a uniform course of study in those schools. But the Supervisors are requested to superintend the examinations as fully as is practicable under present conditions.

Mr. Godfrey Morse moved to amend by inserting after the word "excused," in the first line, the words, "for the year 1876."

The amendment was accepted by Mr. Flint and the order passed.

Mr. Warren P. Adams, from the Committee on the Annual School Festival, submitted the following order: — Annual School Festival.

Ordered, That the Annual School Festival take place on Saturday, July 1st.

Passed.

Mr. Thayer offered the following order, and asked for a suspension of the rules, that it might be considered at the present time. Temporary teachers in the service.

Ordered, That temporary teachers in the service of the city at the time of the examinations (April 19th,

20th, 26th, 27th), who receive provisory certificates, may be nominated as teachers on probation for not longer than a year; but cannot be confirmed until they have obtained certificates of qualifications.

Mr. Godfrey Morse called for the yeas and nays upon the suspension of the rules.

The yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion to suspend the rules failed, three-fourths not having voted in the affirmative. The result of the yeas and nays was as follows: —

Yeas: Messrs. Warren P. Adams, Blakemore, Chapin, Fletcher, Flint, Miss Hale, Mr. Hutchins, Miss May, Mr. Merrill, Miss Peabody; Messrs. Perkins, Thayer, and Winship. — 13.

Nays: Messrs. Finney, Fitzgerald, Hayes, Godfrey Morse, James Morse, Palmer and Plummer. — 7.

On motion of Mr. Warren P. Adams, the order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

School-building, Bunker Hill street.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on the Second Division, reported the following order, which was referred to the Committee on School Houses: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the building on Bunker Hill street, formerly occupied by Primary Schools in the Winthrop District, to be removed to the vacant lot of land on Polk street belonging to the city, and to cause the same to be fitted for Primary Schools in the Prescott District.

Recess; Primary Schools.

Mr. Fletcher offered the following order, which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations: —

Ordered, That the Primary Schools have a recess of fifteen minutes, from five minutes of three to ten minutes past three, each afternoon.

Report; Rules and

Mr. Fitzgerald, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, reported in reference to an order offered at the

last meeting of the Board, instructing the Committee on Rules and Regulations to consider the necessity of having an Assistant Secretary, and also of separating the offices of Secretary and Auditing Clerk, that the committee were of the opinion that a competent assistant was necessary for the proper discharge of the duties of the office, and that they were also unanimous in the opinion that the two offices of Secretary and Auditing Clerk should be separated.

Regulations; separation of offices of Secretary and Auditing Clerk.

They, therefore, submitted the following order: —

Ordered, That the two offices of Auditing Clerk and Secretary of the Board shall be separated, and that each shall be an independent department.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to lay the subject upon the table until the next meeting and the motion prevailed.

Mr. Palmer, from the Committee on Salaries, reported in relation to an order to pay Miss Jennie E. Howard the maximum salary of a third assistant, that after carefully considering the subject they were of the opinion that the order ought not to pass.

Report of Committee on Salaries; Jennie E. Howard.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Palmer, from the same committee, reported that they had fully considered the order to pay Lewis H. Dutton the maximum salary of a sub-master, and were of the opinion that the order ought not to pass.

Report Committee on Salaries; L. H. Dutton.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Winship, from the Committee on Sewing, submitted the following order, which was referred to the Committee on Salaries: —

Committee on Sewing; Miss Reid.

Ordered, That the sum of fifty-one dollars and four cents be paid to Margaret Reid, teacher of sewing in the Gaston School, for services in teaching one Primary division from Feb. 1, 1875, to Sept. 1, 1875; she having been employed by the committee of that district under Chapter XII., Section 8, of the Rules of 1875.

Superintendent; visit to Philadelphia.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on the Centennial, submitted the following order, which was passed under a suspension of the rules: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Schools be granted leave of absence for seven days with authority to superintend the installation of Boston school work at the Centennial Exhibition, and that the expense of the same be paid by the city.

Petition; new school Mt. Pleasant.

The Chair read a petition from some one hundred and fifty citizens of Mount Pleasant, asking for additional school accommodations in that locality, and that a hearing might be granted them.

The petition was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to take from the table the Rules and Regulations, and refer them to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Passed.

Petition; Dan'l Cowing, for janitor. Petition; Thos. Nolen, for janitor.

Mr. Plummer presented a petition from David H. Blaney and others, asking that Daniel Cowing be appointed a janitor; also a petition from Andrew Hall and others, asking that Thomas Nolen be appointed a janitor. Severally referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Godfrey Morse, the Board adjourned, at fifteen minutes before ten, to meet on Tuesday, the 23d instant.

Attest:

GEORGE A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 23, 1876.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

The Vice-President presided.

All the members except the President and Messrs. Blake, Hayes and Plummer were present.

On motion of Mr. William T. Adams the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with, the Board approving the records of the last meeting as in print.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported the following teachers to be nominated on probation: — Nominations on probation.

Edith W. Howe, as third assistant in the Charlestown-Harvard School, to commence Feb. 1, 1876.

Eva D. Kellogg, as fourth assistant in the Brimmer School, to commence March 7, 1876.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported the following teachers to be nominated for confirmation: —

The report was accepted and the nominations confirmed. Nominations for confirmation.

Charlestown-Harvard. — Edith W. Howe, third assistant.

Mayhew. — Sarah L. Adams, third assistant.

Eliot. — Marcella E. Donegan, third assistant.

Mayhew. — Frederick E. Whitney, usher.

Phillips. — Laura E. Viles, fourth assistant.

Rice. — Martha A. Pope, third assistant.

Franklin. — Abbie M. Holder, third assistant.
Everett. — Anna Grover, third assistant.
Andrew. — Martha A. Jackson, third assistant.
Gaston. — Mary L. Nichols, third assistant.
Andrew. — Ella L. Chittenden, third assistant.
Central. — Mary E. Tufts, fourth assistant.
Mt. Vernon. — Ellen C. Steele, third assistant.
Hillside. — Maggie S. Winton, fourth assistant.
Tileston. — N. Hosea Whittemore, usher, as principal.

Principal Eliot school.

Mr. Finney submitted a report from the Joint Committee, on the Third Division and on Nominations, in regard to the vacancy in the principalship of the Eliot District, and nominated as candidates for the position Samuel Harrington, a sub-master in the English High School, and Granville S. Webster, sub-master in the Eliot School, the first named being the first choice of the committee.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Finney the Board voted to proceed to an election.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Finney, Merrill and Moran a committee to receive, sort and count the votes.

The committee attended to their duties and reported as follows: —

Whole number of ballots, 21; necessary for a choice, 13.

Samuel Harrington elected.

Samuel Harrington had 21, and was declared elected.

Report High School Committee, consolidation of Latin and English High schools.

Mr. Flint submitted a report of the Committee on High Schools, relating to the consolidation of the Latin with the English High School.

The report was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fletcher, from the Committee of the First Division, presented the resignation of Mary E. Reid, teacher in the Porter-street School, to take effect May 23, 1876. Mary E. Reid, resignation of.

The resignation was accepted.

Mr. William T. Adams, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, reported, in reference to orders referred to that committee, that the following orders ought to pass: — Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, That the Normal School be transferred to the upper story of the Rice Grammar School building, as soon as practicable. Training School.

Ordered, That the schools of the Rice District constitute a school for observation and practice by the pupils of the Normal School, to be known as the Rice Training School.

Ordered, That the master of the Rice School be the principal of the Training School.

The remaining orders are incorporated in various sections of the Rules and Regulations, and will be submitted hereafter. The order increasing the committee on the Normal School to five members, the committee propose at a proper time for adoption. The report was accepted, and the orders as offered by the committee were adopted.

Mr. Flint, from the committee on the High Schools, submitted the following order, which was referred to the committee on School Houses, with full powers. New building for Latin and English High Sch'ls.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to take immediate steps to erect a suitable building, for the Latin and English High Schools.

Mr. William T. Adams, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, reported, in relation to an order referred to that committee, concerning temporary teachers who receive provisory certificates (page 93 of the Min- Report of Committee on Rules and Regula-

tions concerning temporary teachers.

utes), that, as the order is only temporary in its application, and simply enables persons who are now in the service to obtain the minimum salary of the positions they fill, in the judgment of the committee it ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Report Committee on Rules and Regulations; separating offices Secretary and Auditing Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, the Board took from the table the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, with the order (page 95 of the Minutes) separating the offices of the Secretary and Auditing Clerk.

Mr. Palmer submitted the following order as a substitute: —

Ordered, That the Secretary and Auditing Clerk be empowered to appoint additional assistance, at a sum not exceeding twelve hundred dollars per annum.

The substitute being discussed at considerable length, Miss May moved the previous question, which was ordered, and the Board, by a vote of 14 to 5, voted to substitute the order for the report of the committee.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, Mr. Hutchins in the chair, the order was amended, by substituting the word "requested" for "empowered."

On further motion of Mr. Learnard, the rules were suspended and the order passed.

Report Committee on School-houses; Dorchester-Everett District.

Mr. Chapin from the Committee on School Houses, submitted a report in relation to a petition and order, referred to the committee (pages 84 and 96 of Minutes), asking for additional accommodations for Grammar and Primary School classes at Mount Pleasant. The committee reported leave to withdraw on that portion of the petition which relates to Grammar Schools, and submitted the following order for additional accommodations for Primary Schools: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a four-room wooden Primary School building, in that

part of the Dorchester-Everett District, lying west of the New York and New England Railroad.

The report was accepted and the order passed.

Mr. Flint offered the following order: — 17th June, holiday.

Ordered, That the 17th of June, the present year, be given to the schools as a holiday.

Passed unanimously.

Miss May offered the following: — Simplicity in dress at exhibitions.

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to co-operate with the principals of the High and Grammar Schools for girls, in endeavoring to influence the girls to dress simply on the day of their approaching graduation; that thus much extravagance may be avoided which would be in the future, as it has heretofore been, a heavy tax upon many parents.

Passed.

The Chair appointed as a committee, Miss May, Mr. Hutchins and Miss Peabody.

Miss May offered the following order: — Industrial. Schools.

Ordered, That the printed report submitted by the Committee on Industrial Schools for the year 1875 be referred to a committee of five, to be appointed by the Chair, who shall report upon the feasibility of putting that or some similar plan into operation in this city.

Passed.

The Chair appointed Miss May, Messrs. Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Blakemore and Miss Hale. Mr. Fitzgerald asked to be excused; the request being granted, the Chair appointed Mr. Finney to serve in his place.

Upon motion of Mr. Winship, the Board Everett School; Brighton; yard fenced.

Voted, That the City Council be requested to have the ground about the Everett Primary School, on the corner of Pearl and Auburn streets, put in proper condition and fenced, and that a plank sidewalk be built, to

extend from Auburn to Franklin streets, for the accommodation of the pupils attending that school.

Passed.

Inscription on tablet; Bennett School, Brighton.

Mr. Winship offered the following order, which passed: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the inscription upon the tablet of the Bennett Grammar School to be changed, to rectify an error thereon.

Principal Eliot District; June 1st.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the Board voted that Mr. Harrington enter upon his duties as principal of the Eliot School District, Thursday, June 1st.

Annie M. Hotchkiss; nomination on probation.

Mr. Thayer submitted the following nomination: —

Ordered, That Miss Annie M. Hotchkiss be nominated on probation as third assistant in the Gaston District, her term of service to begin Dec. 1st, 1875.

The rules were suspended, and the nomination was received, and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

W. L. Holbrook; confirmed as janitor.

Mr. Chapin, from the Committee on School Houses, reported for confirmation as janitor of the Common-street Primary School building, in the Charlestown-Harvard District, William L. Holbrook; term of service to commence April 20th.

The nomination was confirmed.

Request for additional accommodations from Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Chapin submitted the following request from the Board of Supervisors: —

To the Board of School Committee, — The Board of Supervisors represent that they suffer great inconvenience from the want of suitable rooms, and of accommodations for keeping and arranging documents, which are fast accumulating, so that they may be readily referred to. They therefore respectfully ask that such measures may be taken as will secure such accommodations at the earliest practicable time.

Very respectfully,

B. F. TWEED,

For the Board of Supervisors.

On motion of Mr. Merrill, the communication was referred to the City Council.

Miss Peabody submitted the following order, which was referred to the Committee on Salaries: — Lillie E. Davis; salary of.

Ordered, That Miss Lillie E. Davis, teacher in the Comins School, receive the rank and pay of First Assistant.

The Chair read the following communications: —

BOSTON, May 23, 1876.

To the President of the School Board: —

DEAR SIR, — I respectfully ask permission to withdraw my nomination of Mr. George M. Towle as Assistant Secretary, the action of the Board having rendered the same unnecessary.

Very respectfully,

GEORGE A. SMITH.

The Board voted permission to withdraw the nomination.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, May 23, 1876.

To the President of the School Board: —

DEAR SIR, — By the regulations of the Board it is very properly made the duty of the Superintendent "to keep himself acquainted with the progress of instruction and discipline in other places, in order to suggest appropriate means for the improvement of the public schools of this city."

To carry out the spirit of this requirement, it seems to me desirable that I should, at this time, supplement my present information respecting educational progress in other places by visiting the schools of several of the leading cities in the West.

I therefore respectfully ask the Board, through you, to grant me leave of absence for two or three weeks, with authority to make the proposed visits.

Very respectfully yours,

JOHN D. PHILBRICK,

Superintendent.

HON. SAMUEL C. COBB, *Mayor.*

Mr. Finney moved to refer the communication to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, with full powers.

Mr. Palmer moved to strike out, "with full powers."

Mr. Thayer moved as a substitute that he be granted leave of absence.

Mr. Palmer withdrew his amendment, and the substitute was adopted in place of Mr. Finney's motion and subsequently passed.

Rules and Regulations, considerat'n of.

Mr. William T. Adams, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, submitted the Rules and Regulations in a new draft, as a third report of the committee.

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the Rules adopting the sections as presented, Mr. Adams calling attention to such changes as were proposed by the committee.

Section 8, page 7, "one or more" inserted.

Section 10, third line, "Report of the Committee on Nominations on the" inserted.

Section 10, fourth line, "other" inserted.

Section 44, page 13, "except janitors" inserted.

Section 46, page 14, the words "the Board and" omitted, and the word "who" inserted.

Section 53, page 16, "of the proper grade or of the special grade for male instruction of" inserted; "granted by" inserted.

Section 68, page 18, the word "confirmed" substituted for "elected."

Upon motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, Section 95, page 24, was amended as follows: — the word "nominate" was inserted for "appoint," and the words "election by" substituted for "the approval of."

Section 97, page 25, "the Board of Education" for "State."

Section 107, page 26, "or officers" inserted.

Section 118, page 28, "and shall attend the meetings of any committee when requested to do so by the chairman thereof" inserted.

Section 120, page 28, the words "and may" substituted for "and shall, when called upon by the President or any member."

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to amend by adding, "when requested by the Board."

Mr. Finney, moved to amend the amendment, by substituting "any member" for "the Board."

Mr. Finney's motion was rejected.

After discussion, Mr. Fitzgerald's motion was withdrawn, with the consent of the Board.

Miss May moved to amend by substituting "shall" for "may," and adding "when requested by the Board."

Passed.

Section 121, page 29, "no session or" inserted.

Section 141, page 37, "of the High and Grammar Schools," "of graduates of the Grammar Schools," inserted.

Section 147, page 32, special grade, "male" inserted.

Miss May moved to strike out the word "male."

Lost.

Mr. Finney moved to insert after the word "confirmed," in the fifth line, Section 148, the words, "and also to the teachers of the Evening High School who were then in the service of the city."

Mr. Warren P. Adams moved to include the principals of Evening Schools. Lost.

Mr. Finney's motion was then adopted.

Section 149 inserted.

Miss May moved to amend Section 153, by adding to the section the following, "any member of the Board of Supervisors shall, if called upon by the Board, express

an opinion, or communicate information, upon any subject."

Passed.

Miss Peabody moved to amend Section 161, by striking out the words "the boys and girls of the graduating class shall be taught in the same division," and substitute therefor the words, "and in mixed schools shall give the instruction to the boys and girls of the graduating class together."

While the amendment was being considered Mr. Merrill asked unanimous consent to move that when the Board adjourn it be to meet Friday, the 26th instant, at 7.30 P. M. Granted.

Mr. Hutchins moved to amend by substituting Monday the 29th.

Lost, 7 to 7.

Mr. Merrill's motion was adopted, and on motion of Mr. Merrill the Board adjourned, at five minutes to eleven, to meet on Friday, the 26th inst., at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 26, 1876.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

The Vice-President presided.

All the members, except the President and Messrs. Hayes, Hutchins, Moran, Perkins, Plummer and Winship, were present.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with, the Board approving the records of the last meeting as in print.

Rules and Regulations, considerat'n of.

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business of the last meeting, it being the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, the amendment offered by Miss Peabody to Section 161 (Minutes, page 106) being under discussion.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to lay the Rules and Regulations upon the table.

Passed.

Joshua Bates; resignation of.

Mr. Fitzgerald presented the resignation of Joshua Bates, master, Brimmer School, to take effect Sept. 1st, 1876.

The resignation was accepted.

John P. Brown, T. J. Emery; resignations of.

Mr. Flint presented the resignations of Mr. John P. Brown, master, and T. J. Emery, sub-master, in the English High School, to take effect Sept. 1, 1876.

The resignations were accepted.

Rules and Regulations, considerat'n of.

The Board voted, on motion of Mr. Palmer, to take the Rules and Regulations from the table.

The Board continued the discussion of the amendment offered by Miss Peabody, which was lost by a vote of 6 to 10.

The Board proceeded with the consideration of the sections as presented, Mr. William T. Adams calling attention to such changes as were proposed by the committee.

Section 162, the words "or been removed" inserted.

Section 180, the words "in each class-room" inserted.

Section 187, the word "maximum" substituted in place of the words "first years."

Section 190, new section inserted.

Section 193, the word "premises" inserted.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations submitted an amendment to Section 216, as follows: to strike out the words "forty-nine" and substitute "fifty-six;" and to insert after the word "teacher," in the second line, the words, "but an additional teacher may be nominated when there is an excess of thirty pupils registered for admission, and one may be removed when there is a deficiency of thirty in the district."

Mr. Warren P. Adams moved to amend the amendment by adding "in schools hereafter formed."

Lost.

Miss May moved to amend the amendment by adding "unless the Board shall otherwise order, in cases where the size of the room is evidently insufficient for so large a number."

Passed.

The amendment offered by the Committee on Rules and Regulations was adopted.

Miss May moved to strike out the sentence commencing with "The," in the third line, to and including the word "assistants," in the fourth and fifth lines.

Lost.

The section, as amended, was then adopted.

Miss Peabody moved to amend Section 211 by substi-

tuting for the words, "most convenient for them to attend," the words, "nearest to their residence."

Lost.

Section 226, Part 1, striking out, "next preceding that for which the teachers are to be elected."

Mr. Warren P. Adams moved that Section 226, Chapter XVI be amended by striking out the word "*average*," in the third line of Article 1, and inserting the word "greatest"; and also in Article 6 by adding to that part of the schedule 350 to 500 in schools for boys and in schools for boys and girls, one sub-master, and in that part of the schedule 500 to 600, adding one usher.

Mr. Godfrey Morse raised the point of order, that the amendment having been presented at a previous meeting and rejected, it could not properly come before the Board for action again.

The Chair decided, that as the Rules and Regulations had been taken from the Board itself, and referred to the committee, their report came before the Board as new matter, and was subject to amendment as before.

The amendment was lost.

Section 228, the words, "for their decision," stricken out.

Section 246, Part 3, the word "thirty" substituted for "thirty-five," in the third line.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations submitted the following as an amendment to Part 3: "an additional instructor may be elected for an excess of twenty pupils and one may be removed for a deficiency of twenty."

Passed.

Mr. Palmer moved to amend by substituting thirty-five for thirty.

Lost.

The section, as thus amended, was adopted.

Mr. James Morse moved to amend Section 253, by adding after "Board," in the third line, the following: "and the course of study and the text-books shall be the same for the three years' course in all the High Schools."

Lost, 5 to 9.

Section 268, new section inserted.

Mr. Warren P. Adams offered the following, from the Committee on Evening Schools, as a substitute for Section 298: —

The principal of each school, with such assistants as shall be necessary, shall be in attendance at the school buildings on such evenings as the Standing Committee may designate, before the beginning of the term, for the examination, registry, and classification of persons applying for admission.

Adopted.

Section 299, "subject to the rules of the Board" stricken out.

Sections relating to the salaries of evening-school instructors stricken out.

Mr. William T. Adams, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, submitted the following as an amendment to Section 141: —

Pupils who have been earnest in their efforts to succeed in their studies, but have failed to pass the examination for graduation, shall, if their deportment entitles them to it, receive a certificate of honorable mention.

Passed.

Mr. William T. Adams moved to amend Section 147 as follows: —

After (in special grade) "evening schools" add "and certificates of the third, fourth and fifth grades shall entitle the holders thereof to be employed in the evening schools."

Passed.

The Rules and Regulations, as thus presented and acted upon, were then adopted as the Rules and Regulations of the Board upon the subjects which are embraced in the several chapters and sections.

Mr. William T. Adams offered the following order: —

Ordered, That one hundred and fifty copies of Rules and Regulations, so far as adopted, be printed for the use of the members of the Board, and the principals of the schools.

Mr. Fitzgerald offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to report to the Board at its next meeting the rules regulating drawing in the schools. Drawing, concerning.

Mr. Merrill moved the following as a substitute: —

Ordered, That no programme of special studies in the public schools shall be promulgated without first submitting the same for the approval of the Board. Programme of special studies.

Mr. Fitzgerald's order was adopted.

Mr. Merrill's order was referred to Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Warren P. Adams offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Examination be requested to report to this Board, at its next meeting, the time and arrangements made for the Diploma Examinations. Diploma Examination.

Passed.

Mr. Godfrey Morse presented the following: —

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to draw up suitable resolutions recognizing the faithful and valuable services rendered our Schools by Joshua Bates, master of the Brimmer Grammar School. Resolutions on service of Joshua Bates, Committee on.

Passed.

The chair appointed as a committee Messrs. Godfrey Morse, Fitzgerald, and Miss May.

Mr. Thayer offered the following order: —

Superintendent, visit to Western cities.

Ordered, That the expense of the Superintendent's visit to schools in Western cities, which has been authorized by the Board, be allowed and paid; the expenditure for this purpose not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Thayer offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on School Houses: —

Primary School, City Point.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to consider the expediency of purchasing a lot for a Primary School-house at City Point, the appropriation being already made.

Mr. Fitzgerald offered the following orders, which were passed: —

Bates, Joshua, leave of absence.

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted to Joshua Bates, master of the Brimmer Grammar School, during the remainder of the year.

Temporary teacher; Brimmer School.

Ordered, That a temporary teacher of the fourth grade be employed in the Brimmer District, the salary of said teacher to be deducted from the salary of Joshua Bates, master of said district.

Mr. William T. Adams offered the following order: —

Graduates of Normal School to receive certificates.

Ordered, That graduates of the Normal School, receiving diplomas between the years 1872 and 1876, inclusive, who desire certificates, under the conditions required in Section 147, shall be entitled to receive them.

Passed.

Mr. Fitzgerald offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee of the Fourth Division, in conjunction with the Committee on Nominations, be

requested to report two names to be voted for, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Joshua Bates.

The Chair stated that the rules provided for such cases, and the order was withdrawn.

Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Fitzgerald submitted a majority report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, and accompanied the same with orders providing for the appointment of a Committee on Supplies.

Mr. William T. Adams gave notice that in due time he should present a minority report, and moved that the majority report be laid upon the table; and the motion was adopted.

Mr. William T. Adams, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, submitted: —

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom the accompanying order was referred, respectfully report that the order ought to pass, —

Sewing, substitutes for.

Ordered, That the Committee on Sewing be authorized to employ substitutes whenever necessary.

Passed.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked for information from the Committee on School Houses in regard to consolidation of school districts.

Mr. Chapin, from that committee, replied that the committee were not yet ready to report; but he would state that there would probably be no recommendation for the consolidation of schools.

Mr. Godfrey Morse moved that the Board adjourn.

The motion prevailed, and at twenty-five minutes after ten the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, the 13th day of June, at 7.30 P.M.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 13, 1876.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

The Vice-President presided.

All the members, except the President and Messrs. Plummer and Thayer, were present.

On motion of Mr. Merrill, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with, the Board approving them as in print.

The Chair appointed Mr. Thayer and Miss May upon the Committee on the Normal School. The nominations were approved.

Normal School; additional members of committee.

The Chair read the following communication from the Superintendent: —

Communication from Superintendent.

CITY OF BOSTON.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, June 13, 1876.

Hon. SAMUEL C. COBB, *President of the Board of School Committee:* —

DEAR SIR, — In pursuance of the vote of the Board granting me leave of absence for the purpose, I have visited schools, and conferred with the superintendents and other school officers, in several of the leading cities in the West, namely, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Chicago, Cleveland and New York, having been absent from my office fifteen days. If it is the desire of the Board that I should report the results of my observations and inquiries during this educational tour, I hereby respectfully ask leave to report in print.

Very respectfully yours,

JOHN D. PHILBRICK,
Superintendent.

Mr. William T. Adams moved that the communication be placed on file, and that the Superintendent be authorized to print such information as he may have obtained and deems desirable to lay before the Board.

Passed.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported the following teachers to be nominated on probation: —

Prescott, E. B. — Sarah T. Litchfield, Second Assistant, to commence January 17, 1876.

Sherwin. — Elizabeth B. Walton, Second Assistant, to commence February 1.

The report was accepted.

Nominations for confirmation.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported the following teachers to be nominated for confirmation: —

Girls' High School. — Mary S. Gage, assistant, April 12, 1875.

Girls' High School. — R. E. Cole, assistant, Sept. 13, 1875.

Girls' High School. — A. R. Curtis, assistant, Dec. 1, 1875.

Girls' High School. — M. E. Lathrop, assistant, Dec. 6, 1875.

Latin School. — William H. White, usher, Dec. 1, 1875.

Latin School. — Frank W. Freeborn, usher, Dec. 1, 1875.

West Roxbury High School. — H. Winslow Warren, head-assistant, Sept. 13, 1875.

West Roxbury High School — Jennie R. Sheldon, assistant, Jan. 3, 1876.

Bigelow School. — Alice J. Meins, third assistant, Sept. 6, 1875.

Gaston School. — Anna M. Hotchkiss, third assistant, Dec. 5, 1875.

Brimmer School. — Eva D. Kellogg, Fourth Assistant, March 7, 1876.

Sherwin School. — Elizabeth B. Walton, Second Assistant, Feb. 1, 1876.

The report was accepted and the nominations confirmed.

Report of Joint Committee to fill vacancy, Principal Brimmer District.

Mr. Finney submitted a report from the Committee on Nominations and the Committee on the Fourth Division, acting under the rules as a Joint Committee, nominating E. Bentley Young and George M. Fellows as candidates for the principalship of the Brimmer District, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Joshua Bates.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Finney the Board voted to proceed to an election.

The chair appointed Messrs Finney, Fitzgerald and Blakemore a committee to receive, sort and count the votes.

The committee attended to their duties and reported as follows: —

Whole number of ballots, 22; necessary for choice, 13.

E. Bentley Young; election of as Principal of Brimmer District.

E. Bentley Young had 22, and was declared elected; term of service to commence Sept. 1st, 1876.

Mr. Merrill called for the enforcement of the rule which provides that the annual meeting for the election of teachers shall be held with closed doors. The rule was enforced.

Re-election of Principals.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, submitted a report nominating for re-election the Principals of the several High and Grammar Schools with the exception of the Principal of the Boys' Dudley School.

The committee asked for further time to enable them

to report a complete list of the subordinate teachers, and that they be allowed to report in print.

Committee on Nominations to report in print.

The report was accepted, and leave to print with further time was granted.

James Hovey; resignation of.

Mr. Perkins presented the resignation of James Hovey, master of the Phillips School, to take effect Sept. 1st, 1876.

Clara Winning; resignation of.

Mr. Perkins presented the resignation of Miss Clara Winning, of the Eliot School, to take effect Sept. 1st, 1876.

The resignations were accepted.

Mr. Finney moved that the Board proceed to the election of the principals of the several schools.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved that the election be postponed until 9 o'clock.

Lost.

Mr. William T. Adams moved to amend by adding master after the name of Miss Baker.

Passed.

The motion of Mr. Finney to proceed to an election prevailed, and the Chair appointed Messrs. Finney, Hayes and Warren P. Adams a committee to receive, sort and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duties, reported as follows: —

Whole number of ballots, 22; necessary for a choice, 13.

Normal School. — Larkin Dunton, Head-Master, had 22.

English High School. — Edwin P. Seaver, Head-Master, had 22.

Roxbury High School. — S. M. Weston, Head-Master, had 22.

Charlestown High School. — Caleb Emery, Head-Master, had 22.

Dorchester High School. — Elbridge Smith, Master, had 21.

West Roxbury High School. — Edward W. Howe, Master, had 22.

Brighton High School. — Benjamin Wormelle, Master, had 22.

First Division.

Adams School. — Frank F. Preble, Master, had 22.

Chapman School. — George R. Marble, Master, had 13.

Lyman School. — Hosea H. Lincoln, Master, had 22.

Prescott School. — James F. Blackinton, Master, had 22.

Second Division.

Bunker Hill School. — Samuel J. Bullock, Master, had 22.

Harvard School. — W. E. Eaton, Master, had 22.

Prescott School. — George T. Littlefield, Master, had 22.

Warren School. — George Swan, Master, had 22.

Winthrop School. — Caleb Murdock, Master, had 22.

Third Division.

Bowdoin School. — Daniel C. Brown, Master, had 22.

Eliot School. — Samuel Harrington, Master, had 22.

Hancock School. — James W. Webster, Master, had 22.

Mayhew School. — Samuel Swan, Master, had 22.

Wells School. — Robert C. Metcalf, Master, had 22.

Fourth Division.

Bowditch School. — Alfred Hewins, Master had 22.

Quincy School. — E. Frank Wood, Master, had 22.

Winthrop School. — Robert Swan, Master, had 22.

Fifth Division.

Dwight School. — James A. Page, Master, had 22.

Everett School. — George B. Hyde, Master, had 22.

Franklin School. — Granville B. Putnam, Master, had 21.

Rice School. — Lucius A. Wheelock, Master, had 22.

Sherwin School. — Silas C. Stone, Master, had 22.

Sixth Division.

Andrew School. — Leander Waterman, Master, had 21.

Bigelow School. — Thomas H. Barnes, Master, had 22.

Gaston School. — C. Goodwin Clark, Master, had 17.

Lawrence School. — Amos M. Leonard, Master, had 21.

Lincoln School. — Alonzo G. Ham, Master, had 22.

Norcross School. — Josiah A. Stearns, Master, had 20.

Shurtleff School. — Henry C. Hardon, Master, had 22.

Seventh Division.

Comins School. — Charles W. Hill, Master, had 22.

Dearborn School. — William H. Long, Master, had 21.

Lewis School. — W. L. P. Boardman, Master, had 15.

Lowell School. — Daniel W. Jones, Master, had 20.

Dudley (Girls) School. — Sarah J. Baker, Master, had 21.

Eighth Division.

Bennet School. — E. H. Hammond, Sub-Master, had 22.

Central School. — John T. Gibson, Master, had 22.

Florence School. — Artemas Wiswall, Usher, had 22.

Harvard School. — G. W. M. Hall, Sub-Master, had 22.

Hillside School. — Albert F. Ring, Sub-Master, had 22.

Mount Vernon School. — Abner J. Nutter, Usher, had 22.

NINTH DIVISION.

Everett (Dor.) School. — Henry B. Miner, Master, had 22.

Gibson School. — Wm. E. Endicott, Sub-Master, had 22.

Harris School. — Edwin T. Horne, Sub-Master, had 22.

Mather School. — Daniel B. Hubbard, Master, had 22.

Minot School. — Joseph T. Ward, Jr., Sub-Master, had 22.

Stoughton School. — Edward M. Lancaster, Sub-Master, had 22.

Tileston School. — N. H. Whittemore, Usher, had 22.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald the doors were thrown open, and the Board proceeded as usual.

Mr. Merrill presented the following report: —

Report of Committee on Accounts; chemical apparatus.

The Committee on Accounts would respectfully report in relation to an order referred to them for chemical apparatus for the Brighton High School, that the order contained several items which should be furnished by the Committee on Public Buildings. They have requested the Superintendent to furnish the same, and when supplied, the committee will furnish the material wanted.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Flint, from the High School Committee, presented the following order: —

High Schools; exhibitions.

Ordered, That the Exhibitions of the several High Schools take place, as follows: —

Dorchester High. — Wednesday, June 28th, at 3 o'clock, P.M.

English High. — Thursday, June 29th, at 9 o'clock, A.M.

Charlestown High. — Thursday, June 29th, at 12 o'clock, M.

Roxbury High. — Thursday, June 29th, at 3½ o'clock, P.M.

Girls' High. — Friday, June 30th, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

West Roxbury High. — Friday, June 30th, at 3 o'clock, P.M.

Brighton High. — Friday, June 30th, at 7½ o'clock, P.M.

Passed.

Mr. Flint moved to adopt the course of study as prescribed.

Mr. Merrill moved to lay the report upon the table.

Passed.

Mr. Finney moved, that when the Board adjourn, it be to Tuesday, the 20th inst., at seven and one-half o'clock, P. M.

Passed.

Report of Committee on English High and Latin Schools.

On motion of Mr. Flint it was voted to take from the table the report of the Committee on the Latin and English High Schools.

Miss May stated that the appending of her name to the report was a mistake, as she was not sufficiently informed to decide upon the matter at the present time.

Examinations for admission to High Schools.

Mr. Flint, from the Committee on High Schools, gave notice that the examination for admission to the High School would take place Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 4th and 5th, 1876.

Mr. William T. Adams, from the Committee on Salaries, submitted a report in relation to an order to pay Margaret Reid the sum of fifty-one dollars and four cents, for teaching sewing in the Primary classes of the Gaston District.

Margaret Reid; salary of.

Miss Reid having performed the service by order of the Committee on the Gaston District, the fact that there was no authority to employ a teacher in the Primary Schools ought not to prevent her from being paid. The committee are therefore of the opinion that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. William T. Adams, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred the petition of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers relative to the Metric System of Weights and Measures, submitted a report that the committee deem it inexpedient to introduce the study of the system into the Grammar Schools at the present time; but they recommend that the petition be referred to the Committee on High Schools.

Report Committee on Rules and Regulations; Metric system.

The report was accepted and the petition was so referred.

Mr. William T. Adams, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred an order to provide an afternoon recess of fifteen minutes for the Primary Schools, submitted a report to the effect that as the afternoon session had been reduced from three hours to two hours and a half, and subsequently to two hours, it was inexpedient to further reduce the time, and that the order ought not to pass.

Primary Schools; afternoon recess.

The report was adopted.

Mr. William T. Adams, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred an order authorizing the Committee on School Houses to appoint a person

Superintendent of Janitors.

to have general supervision of the janitors, submitted a report to the effect that the majority of the committee present at the meeting instructed the chairman to report that the order ought not to pass; one voting for and two against the order, the chairman not voting.

Mr. Adams stated that the absent member and himself were in favor of the passage of the order.

Mr. Hutchins moved to recommit.

Lost.

The report was accepted, the Board voting against the appointment.

Report Committee on Text-books.

Mr. Hutchins, from the Committee on Text-Books, submitted their annual report in part, and asked for further time, with leave to report in print.

Granted.

Caroline Ditson; resignation of.

Mr. Fletcher, from the First Division, presented the resignation of Caroline Ditson, Primary teacher in the Prescott District, to take effect September 1, 1876; also the resignation of Miss Susan J. Adams, assistant teacher in the Lyman School, to take effect June 5, 1876.

M. L. Cummings; resignation of.

Miss Peabody, from the Seventh Division, presented the resignation of M. Louisa Cummings, Primary teacher in the Comins District, to take effect September 1, 1876.

M.B.Monto; resignation of.

Mr. Blakemore, from the Eighth Division, presented the resignation of Mary B. Monto, assistant teacher in the Brighton-Harvard School, to take effect Sept. 1, 1876.

Severally accepted.

Report Committee on Rules and Regulations; special studies.

Mr. William T. Adams, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred the orders relating to special studies and the programme of the same, submitted the following report: —

The Chairman of the Committee on Drawing has submitted to this committee a programme of Instruction in

Drawing in the Primary and Grammar Schools, which is herewith presented, and the following order relating to the same is submitted: —

1. *Ordered*, That the programme of Instruction in Drawing be referred to the Committee on Drawing, with instructions to report the same to the Board in print. Instruction in Drawing.

Passed.

The Chairman of the Committee on Music also submitted to this committee a programme of Instruction in Music for the Grammar and Primary Schools, which is herewith presented, with the following order: —

Ordered, That the programme for Instruction in Music for the Primary and Grammar Schools be referred to the Committee on Music, with instruction to revise the same, and report it to the Board in print. Instruction in Music.

Passed.

In further carrying out of the intent of the orders referred to this committee, the following new sections, to be incorporated in the regulations, are submitted: —

3. To be inserted in Chapter XIV., as Section 205, or otherwise: No programme of a special study shall be put into use in any school until it has been adopted by the Board, after the committee upon such special study has reported upon the same. Programmes of special studies.

4. To be inserted in Chapter XVI. (Regulations of the Grammar Schools), as Section 241, or otherwise: Instructions in drawing shall be given in two lessons, of forty-five minutes each, every week, by the regular teachers, in accordance with the programme adopted by the Board.

5. To be inserted in Chapter XV. (Regulations of the Primary Schools), as Section 218, or otherwise: "Instructions in drawing, for two hours each week, shall be given by the regular teachers, in lessons not exceeding

thirty minutes in length, in accordance with the programme adopted by the Board."

Orders 3, 4 and 5, amending the Rules, were each adopted.

Mr. Merrill presented the following order: —

Grammar Schools; exhibitions.

Ordered, That the several exhibitions of the Grammar Schools shall be held on the last three days of this and the first day of next month.

Passed.

Mr. Fitzgerald presented the following order: —

Teachers' Fund.

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to consider the expediency of establishing a fund, to be called "The Teachers' Fund," for the purpose of aiding sick and infirm teachers, and also those who through old age are obliged to resign; said committee to report to the Board the best course to pursue to establish said fund.

Passed.

The Chair appointed as a committee, Messrs. Fitzgerald, William T. Adams, Godfrey Morse, Miss Hale and Mr. Merrill.

Mr. Chapin submitted the following order: —

Janitors and School-houses; charge of.

Ordered, That the charge of the school-houses and the janitors of the same, which are now in charge of the Committee on School Houses and District Lines, be hereafter transferred to the several Division Committees of the division in which they are located.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved a suspension of the rules, that the order might be considered at the present time.

Lost, 10 to 5.

The order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Godfrey Morse submitted the following order, which was adopted: —

Ordered, That the Secretary of this Board keep a record each year of the names of all the pupils in the graduating classes of the Grammar and High Schools of the city. Names of pupils, graduating classes.

Mr. Godfrey Morse presented the following order, which was adopted: —

Ordered, That the messenger of this Board be requested to furnish the reporters of the daily papers with a list of the instructors re-elected, in order that the same may be published. Messenger.

Mr. Palmer presented the following order: —

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed, with full powers, to confer with the Committee on Public Buildings in regard to accommodations for the School Board. School Board; accommodations for.

Passed, and the Chair appointed Messrs. Palmer, Blakemore and Fletcher as the committee.

Mr. Winship submitted the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to have the yard of the Bennett School paved, and the grounds otherwise put in order. Bennett School yard.

Passed.

Mr. Perkins submitted the following order, and moved that it be referred to the Committee on Salaries, with full powers: —

Ordered, That Mr. John Jameson be allowed full master's pay, for his late term of service as temporary master of the Eliot School, which commenced on March 27th and closed on June 1st. John Jameson; salary of.

Mr. Hutchins moved to strike out "full powers."

Passed, and the order was referred.

Mr. Fletcher presented the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the water-closets on the girls' side of the Chapman School Chapman School basement.

yard to be removed to the basement of said school building; and the division fence so changed as to equalize the play room between the two sexes.

Referred to Committee on School Houses.

Miss May submitted the following order: —

Unfinished business.

Ordered, That the Secretary be requested to open a list of all matters of business brought before the Board and not completed, and that the list be kept fully posted in the future, and known as the Memorandum of Unfinished Business.

Mr. William T. Adams moved to add, "and all matters upon the table."

Passed.

Mr. Godfrey Morse moved that it form part of the Minutes.

Lost.

Mr. Hutchins moved that it be appended to the notices regularly issued for the meetings of the Board.

Passed.

The order, as thus amended, was adopted.

Mr. Blakemore moved that the Board now adjourn.

The motion prevailed, and at fifteen minutes past ten the Board adjourned, to meet on Tuesday the 20th inst., at 7.30 P.M.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 20, 1876.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council chamber, at half past seven o'clock, P.M. The Vice-President presided.

All the members, except the President and Messrs. Flint, Merrill, and Plummer, were present.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported the name of Zetta M. Mallard to be nominated, on probation, as fourth assistant in the Charlestown-Prescott District, term of service commencing Feb. 1st, 1876.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported the following teachers for confirmation: —

Confirmation of teachers.

Charlestown-Prescott. — Zetta M. Mallard, fourth assistant.

East Boston. — Sarah T. Litchfield, second assistant.

Franklin. — Sarah A. Brown, fourth assistant.

Stoughton. — Ellen E. Burgess, third assistant.

Mr. William T. Adams moved that the regular order of business be suspended that he might submit a report relating to the nomination of teachers.

Passed.

Mr. William T. Adams, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations and the Committee on High Schools, then reported an order providing special instructors for the several High Schools, as follows: —

Special Instructors in High Schools.

Ordered, That, in accordance with Section 256 of the Regulations, "special teachers of modern languages, and

of other branches and exercises," be employed in the several High Schools, as follows: —

Latin School, a teacher of French and German.

English High, a teacher of French.

Girls' High, a teacher of French, of German, of Physical Culture, and an assistant in the laboratory.

Roxbury High, a teacher of French and of German.

Dorchester High, a teacher of French and of German.

Charlestown High, a teacher of French.

West Roxbury High, a teacher of German.

Passed.

Special Instructors, High Schools; election of.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported the following-named teachers for election as special instructors for the High Schools, term of service commencing Sept. 1st, 1876: —

Girls' High, P. Morand, teacher of French.

Girls' High, E. C. F. Krauss, teacher of German.

Girls' High, Emily M. Deland, teacher of Physical Culture.

Girls' High, Mary L. B. Capen, laboratory assistant.

Latin, George A. Schmitt, teacher of German.

Dorchester High, Henri Morand, teacher of French.

Dorchester High, John F. Stein, teacher of German.

Charlestown High, Eugene Raymond, teacher of French.

West Roxbury High, John F. Stein, teacher of German.

Alfred Morand, Brighton High, teacher of French.

Henri Morand, Roxbury High, teacher of French.

John F. Stein, Roxbury High, teacher of German.

Report of Joint Committee.

Mr. Finney submitted a report from the Committee on Nominations and the Committee on the Third Division, acting under the rules as a joint committee, proposing the transfer of Samuel Swan, principal of the Mayhew

School, to the Phillips School, in order to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James Hovey, with the following orders.

The report was accepted.

Ordered, That Samuel Swan, at present master of the Mayhew School, be transferred to the mastership of the Phillips School, the transfer to take effect September 1, 1876.

Swan, Samuel, transfer of.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to change the district lines in such manner as to consolidate the Phillips and Mayhew districts, and if practicable to render the new District thus formed of such size that the pupils can be accommodated in the Phillips School-house.

Consolidation of Phillips and Mayhew Districts.

Mr. Finney, after a debate, moved the previous question.

The motion prevailed.

The first order was passed.

Mr. Palmer moved as a substitute for the second order, that the two districts be consolidated.

The Chair stated that in order to entertain the motion a suspension of the rules would be necessary.

The suspension of the rules failed to pass and the order was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on the Second Division, presented the resignation of S. A. Atwood, a Primary School teacher, in the Bunker Hill District, to take effect September 1, 1876.

Atwood, S. A., resignation of.

The resignation was accepted.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, submitted, in print, a report nominating the subordinate teachers of the several High Schools and Grammar School Districts, with the exception of the Mayhew and Phillips Districts, and moved a suspension of the rules, in order that Lavinia M. Wells, of the Wells, Clara B. George,

Report Committee on Nominations; nomination of teachers High and Grammar Schools.

of the Lyman, Mary R. Roberts, of the Norcross, Harriet A. Clapp, of the Bigelow, and Margaret J. Crosby, of the Franklin Districts, be elected as third assistants, they holding certificates of the fifth grade.

The rules were suspended, and the report accepted.

An amendment was offered by Mr. Finney and carried, that Miss Ella Wales be third assistant instead of second assistant, as printed.

The report stated that the reductions resulting from the re-grading of the schools, and increasing of the number of pupils in the primary classes, amounted in the aggregate to $81,550, as follows: —

High Schools, $13,800.

First Division,	$6,650.	Sixth Division,	$9,100.
Second "	6,950.	Seventh "	7,800.
Third "	22,100.	Eighth "	3,850.
Fourth "	5,700.	Ninth "	3,100.
Fifth "	2,450.		

The report was accepted, and the several subordinate teachers were re-elected for the next school-year. Per printed document on file.

Wilde, A. M., resignation of.

Miss May, from the Committee on High Schools, presented the resignation of Annie M. Wilde, assistant in the Charlestown High School, to take effect Aug. 31, 1876.

The resignation was accepted.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Examinations, made a statement to the effect that the order passed by the Board, requiring the committee to report the time and arrangements made for the diploma examination, owing to his absence from the last meeting, was now rendered unnecessary, as the examination had already taken place.

Mr. Fitzgerald, from the Committee on the Fourth

Division, presented the resignation of Sarah R. Bowles, to take effect Sept. 1st, 1876. Bowles, S. R., resignation of.

The resignation was accepted.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported, at the request of the Committee on the 7th Division, the name of Leverett M. Chase as principal of the Boys' Dudley School. Chase, L. M., nomination of.

Mr. Finney called for the enforcement of the rule which provides that the annual meeting for the election of teachers shall be held with closed doors.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved a suspension of the rule.

Lost.

The rule was enforced.

The Chair read the petition of P. O'Meara Edson, and five others, for a public hearing in the matter of the election of Mr. L. M. Chase, master of the Dudley (Boys) School.

Also, the petition of A. H. Plumb and twenty-one others to the same effect.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Blakemore moved that the Board proceed to ballot.

Passed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Blakemore, Chapin and Thayer a committee to receive, sort and count the votes. Chase, L. M., election of.

The committee, having attended to their duties, reported as follows: —

Whole number of ballots . .	19
Necessary for a choice . . .	13
Godfrey Morse had . . .	1
Leverett M. Chase had . . .	18

And Leverett M. Chase was declared elected.

Mr. Finney moved a reconsideration of the election of Mr. Geo. A. Whitney, usher of the Eliot School, that he might change the name to Fred E. Whitney.

Petitiins relating to Master of Dudley School.

Passed, and the change was made.

Mr. Godfrey Morse moved that the several petitions relating to the master of the Boys' Dudley School be referred to the Committee on the Seventh Division.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, the doors were opened.

Duncan, R. L., certificate of second grade.

Mr. Fitzgerald offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to report to this Board the expediency of granting a certificate of the second grade to Miss R. L. Duncan, first assistant in the Brimmer School.

Passed.

Report Committee on Salaries; salary of Miss Davis.

Mr. William T. Adams, from the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred the order to grant Miss Davis, of the Comins School, the rank and pay of first assistant, reported that as Miss Davis has had for the past three years the rank and pay of first assistant, and has charge of the Francis-street school, which, at the time of annexation, was a separate organization, — the school is a mile distant from the Comins School-house, and consists of Primary and Grammar School pupils of all grades, and graduates its own pupils, — under these circumstances, the committee are of the unanimous opinion the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Jameson, John, salary of.

Mr. William T. Adams, from the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred the accompanying order, that Mr. John Jameson be allowed full master's pay for his late term of service as temporary master of the Eliot School, reported that they had considered the subject, and while they were unanimous in their desire to favor one who had served the city a considerable length of time as an instructor, they were unable to find any good reason for setting aside the regulation of the Board estab-

lishing the salaries of temporary teachers. They therefore reported that the order ought not to pass.

The report was accepted.

Report Committee on Rules and Regulations; transfer of janitors and care of school-houses to Committee on Accounts.

Mr. William T. Adams, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, reported in relation to the orders referred to them, that the charge of janitors be transferred from the Committee on School Houses to the several Division Committees. In the judgment of the committee it would be inexpedient to place the care and management of the janitors in the hands of the several committees, as a constant supervision is required. The labor required is of such a nature as to need the time of persons employed by the city. The only committee having salaried officers in charge, the Committee on Accounts, would therefore seem to be the proper committee to transfer the duties to. The committee therefore report that the order ought not to pass, and submit the following order, with an amendment to the Rules and Regulations: —

Ordered, That the charge of the janitors of the several school-houses be transferred from the Committee on School Houses to the Committee on Accounts.

Ordered, That section 42 (page 12) of the Rules and Regulations of the Board be amended by the addition of the following: —

Janitors, rules concerning.

"The Committee shall appoint the janitors for the several school-houses, designate their duties, and fix their compensation, and may discharge them, subject to the approval of the Board. The compensation of the janitors shall be in full for all services rendered. They shall make such rules as they deem necessary for the government of the janitors."

The report was accepted and the order passed.

Mr. William T. Adams, from the Committee on Rules

Supplies, Committee on; minority report.

and Regulations, submitted a minority report in relation to the appointment of a new Standing Committee, to be called the Committee on Supplies.

The report was accepted and laid upon the table.

Mr. Winship, from the Eighth Division, offered the following order: —

Hotchkiss, A. M., transfer of.

Ordered, That Annie M. Hotchkiss be transferred from the Gaston to the Bennett District, to date from May 16.

Passed.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following order, which was referred to the Committee on Salaries: —

Howe, Edith W., salary of.

Ordered, That Miss Edith W. Howe, third assistant in the Harvard District, Charlestown, be paid the maximum salary for that position.

The Chair read the following petition: —

BOSTON, June 20, 1876.

To the Honorable School Committee of Boston: —

Medals, petition for duplicates.

The undersigned having lost their medals and diplomas by the fire of November 9, 1872, pray that your honorable Board will replace the same by duplicates.

FLORENCE A. DONAHOE,
CHARLES A. DONAHOE,
JOHN H. DONAHOE,
ANNIE C. DONAHOE.

Mr. William T. Adams moved that the petition be referred to the Committee on Accounts, with full powers.

Passed.

Mr. Fitzgerald offered the following order: —

Regularly confirmed teachers failing of re-election.

Ordered, That the names of all regularly confirmed teachers, who have failed of re-election through a want of the necessary number of pupils, in the several school districts, and who may be recommended by the several

Division Committees, be sent to the Secretary of the Board; and that hereafter, when vacancies are to be filled, or temporary teachers or substitutes employed, said teachers shall have a preference over all others, all things being equal; and that a list of said teachers be sent to the members of the Board, and the principals of the several schools.

Passed.

Mr. William T. Adams offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the messenger be requested to furnish each member of this Board with a copy of the Municipal Register for the present year.

Municipal Register, furnishing of.

Mr. William T. Adams offered the following order, and moved its reference to the Committee on Salaries: —

Ordered, That Ella S. Wales, now a head-assistant in charge of the Atherton School, a "colony" of the Gibson District, receive the rank and salary of a second assistant.

Wales, Ella S., rank and salary of.

Passed.

Mr. Blakemore offered the following order, and moved a reconsideration of the vote adopted at the last meeting, fixing certain days for the exhibitions: —

Ordered, That the Florence and Mount Vernon Grammar Schools be allowed to hold their annual exhibitions on Tuesday, the 27th inst.

Florence and Mt. Vernon Schools, exhibitions of.

The motion prevailed and the order passed.

Mr. Perkins offered the following order: —

Ordered, That a teacher be allowed in the Intermediate Schools for every forty pupils.

Intermediate Schools teachers in.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. William T. Adams moved that when the Board adjourn, it be to Tuesday, the 27th inst., at quarter before eight o'clock, P. M. Passed.

Mr. James Morse moved that the Board now adjourn.

The motion prevailed, and ten minutes past ten the Board adjourned, to meet on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 7.45 P. M.

Attest: GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 27th, 1876.

A regular and an adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council chamber, at quarter before eight o'clock, P.M. The Vice-President presided.

All the members except the President and Messrs. Merrill and Plummer were present.

On motion of Mr. William T. Adams, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with, the Board approving them as in print.

Report Committee on Nominations; nominations on probation.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported for nomination on probation, the names of Susan R. Gifford, as third assistant in the Girls' Dudley School, term of service to commence Feb. 8th, 1876; and Ellen M. Smith, third assistant in the Gaston School, term of service to commence Feb. 7th, 1876.

The report was accepted.

Nomination teacher of French in English High and Latin Schools.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations reported that the committee had considered the recommendation of the Committee on High Schools, and presented the name of Jean Gustave Kettels as teacher of French in the English High and Latin Schools.

Mr. William T. Adams moved to lay the report upon the table, that the Committee on the High Schools might submit a report relating to the same.

Passed.

Instructor of French in Latin and English High Schools.

Mr. Flint, from the Committee on High Schools, then reported an order as follows, and asked a suspension of the rules, that it might be considered at the present time.

Ordered, That the Latin and English High Schools be allowed one instructor of French, with the rank and salary of master.

The rules were suspended, and the order passed.

Mr. William T. Adams then moved to take the report of the Committee on Nominations from the table.

Passed.

The report was accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Pope, Martha A.; re-election of.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported, as a supplementary recommendation, the name of Martha A. Pope, for re-election as fourth assistant in the Sherwin District, for the ensuing school year.

The report was accepted, and the nomination was confirmed.

Report of Joint Committee.

Mr. Finney submitted a report from the Committee on Nominations, and the Committee on High Schools, acting under the Rules as a Joint Committee, nominating to the Board, Augustine M. Gay, as head master for the Latin School.

Mr. Finney moved a suspension of the rules requiring committee to report two names for the position.

The rules were suspended and the report accepted.

Mr. Finney moved that the Board proceed to a ballot.

Passed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Finney, Godfrey Morse and Blake a committee to receive, sort and count the votes.

Gay, A. M.; election of.

The committee having attended to their duties reported as follows: —

Whole number of ballots . . .	21
Necessary for a choice . . .	13
Blank	1
Augustine M. Gay . . .	20

And Augustine M. Gay, was declared elected.

Fiske, A. J.; election of.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported the name of Arthur I. Fiske, for re-election as master in the Latin School.

The report was accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Report Committee on Nominations; nomination of teachers of Mayhew and Phillips.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported that the committee had considered the recommendation of the committee in charge of the Mayhew and Phillips Districts, and presented in print a list of the subordinate teachers for the schools mentioned, and nominated the same to the Board for re-election, on the supposition that the districts would be consolidated.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to lay the nominations upon the table.

Passed, 9 to 6.

After discussion, Mr. Finney moved to take the same from the table.

Passed, 13 to 8.

Mr. Finney called for the enforcement of the rule which provides that the annual meeting for the election of teachers shall be held with closed doors.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to suspend the rule requiring the doors to be closed.

Lost, 10 to 9; and the rule was then enforced.

The report was then accepted.

Mr. Chapin asked that the Superintendent be requested to state his views upon the consolidation of the two districts.

Mr. William T. Adams raised the point of order that under the rules the Superintendent could not speak upon a subject without action of the Board. The Chair sustained the point of order.

Mr. Godfrey Morse raised the point of order that the proposition to consolidate the districts having been referred to a committee, and not yet reported upon, action upon the nominations as presented could not be had at the present time.

The Chair ruled that the order referred to was in the nature of instructions to the committee, and therefore it was perfectly competent for the Board to pass upon the subject.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved that the election be postponed till the Committee on School Houses reported their action to the Board.

Passed, 12 to 5.

Symonds, L. H.; election of.

Miss Hale, from the Committee on the Kindergarten Schools, reported Lucy H. Symonds for re-election as instructor in that branch for the ensuing school year.

The report was accepted, and the nomination was confirmed.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported that —

Report of Committee on Nominations, on nomination of R. L. Duncan as Sub-master of Brimmer School.

The Committee on the Fourth Division having sent to the Committee on Nominations a recommendation for the nomination on probation of Rebecca L. Duncan as sub-master of the Brimmer School, this committee have considered the same, and respectfully report that the nomination ought to be rejected. Mr. Fitzgerald dissents from this report.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to lay the report upon the table.

Passed.

The Chair read the following communication from the Board of Supervisors: —

Board of Supervisors; communication from.

"The Board of Supervisors, having considered the order of the School Committee passed June 20, 1876, requesting them to report as to the expediency of granting a certificate of the second grade to Miss R. L. Duncan, first assistant of the Brimmer School, respectfully submit the following report: —

That in consideration of Miss Duncan's long and effi-

cient service, and of her having satisfactorily passed a special examination, held June 23, it is expedient that a certificate of qualification of the second grade be granted her.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to lay the communication upon the table.

Lost.

Mr. William T. Adams asked for information whether, in accordance with the rules, the Committee on Examinations had acted in conjunction with the Board of Supervisors, and approved of the examinations as required.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Examinations, stated that his committee had taken no part in the business referred to.

Mr. William T. Adams raised the point of order that the information given by the Chairman of the Committee on Examinations rendered the report of the Board of Supervisors null and void.

The Chair ruled the point to be well taken; the action of the Board of Supervisors had not been in accordance with the rules.

Mr. Godfrey Morse moved that so much of the report as related to the examination be stricken out.

The Chair ruled that it was not competent for the Board to revise a report submitted to them.

Mr. Godfrey Morse moved to accept the report.

Passed.

The question being upon the granting of a certificate,

Mr. Flint moved a suspension of the rules.

Lost.

Mr. Hutchins, from the Committee on Normal Schools, submitted the following:— Normal School; course of study.

Ordered, That the course of study in the Normal School be arranged for one year and be as follows: —

1. Mental and Moral Science and Logic.

2. Principles of Education, School Management, and Methods of Instruction.

3. Physiology and Hygiene.

4. Physics and Natural History, with reference to Objective Teaching.

5. Language: its history, acquisition and analysis.

6. Grammar School Studies, with reference to teaching.

7. Drawing, and its use as a means of illustration in teaching, and Vocal Music.

8. Observation and Practice in the Primary and Grammar Departments of the Training School.

The report was accepted, and the orders passed.

Mr. Hutchins, from the Committee of the Normal and Fifth Division Schools, reported the following order: —

Teachers of Primary classes; Rice District.

Ordered, That the Primary Schools in Shawmut avenue be transferred from the Rice Training School to the Franklin District; said transfer to take effect Sept. 1, 1876.

Passed.

School for Deaf-Mutes; election of instructors.

Mr. Palmer, from the Committee on the Deaf-Mute School, presented the following nomination for instructors of that school: —

Principal: Sarah Fuller.

First Assistant: Annie E. Bond; Assistants: Ella C. Jordan, Kate D. Williams, Mary F. Bigelow, Alice M. Jordan, Mary N. Williams, Manella G. White.

The Chair stated that under the law masters of Grammar Schools or directors of special studies must be elected by ballot.

Mr. Palmer moved to proceed to ballot.

Passed.

The Chair appointed Messrs Palmer, Fitzgerald and Fletcher a committee to receive, sort and count the votes.

The committee having attended to the duties reported as follows: —

Whole number of ballots . . .	19
Necessary for a choice . . .	13
Sarah Fuller had	19

And Sarah Fuller was declared elected.

The report was then accepted and the remaining teachers confirmed.

Mr. Godfrey Morse, from the Committee on Military Drill, reported the name of Hobart Moore as instructor of Military Drill for the ensuing school year.

The report was accepted.

Instructor in Military Drill; election of.

On motion of Mr. Godfrey Morse the Board voted to proceed to a ballot for an instructor of Military Drill.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Godfrey, Morse, Perkins and Thayer a committee to receive, sort and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duties, reported as follows: —

Whole number of votes . . .	22
Necessary for a choice . . .	13
Blank	1
Hobart Moore had	21

And Hobart Moore was declared elected.

Removal of Primary School-house, Polk street.

Mr. Chapin, from the Committee on School Houses, submitted the following: —

The Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred the order for removing a Primary school-house from Bunker Hill street to Polk street, have considered the

same, and report that the order ought to pass, as follows: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the building on Bunker Hill street, formerly occupied by Primary Schools in the Winthrop District, to be removed to the vacant lot of land on Polk street, belonging to the city, and also cause the same to be fitted for Primary Schools in the Prescott District, Charlestown.

Passed.

Mr. Chapin, from the same committee, submitted the following: —

The Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred the order for the purchase of a lot for Primary School purposes at City Point, have considered the same and recommend the passage of the following order: —

Lot for Primary School-house, City Point.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase a lot of land for Primary School purposes in the vicinity of O and Fourth-streets, in the Gaston District, City Point.

Passed.

Mr. Chapin moved that the doors be opened.

Mr. Perkins objected, stating that he had several nominations to make.

The motion was withdrawn.

Report of Committee on School-houses on re-naming Grammar School Districts.

Mr. Chapin, from the Committee on School Houses, submitted the following in relation to an order which was referred to them, for re-naming the Grammar School Districts so that no two shall have the same name: "They have considered the same, and in so doing have found many objections to changing the present names, but in obedience to the order of this Board hereby offer the accompanying order, which proposes the changes referred to: —

Ordered, That the present Everett Grammar School-house situated on West Northampton street, and the district belonging to the same, be hereafter known to this

Board as the Sumner School-house and District. That the Winthrop School-house, situated on Tremont street, and the District belonging to the same, be hereafter known as the Webster School-house and District.

That the Prescott School-house and the District belonging to the same, situated in East Boston, be hereafter known as the Maverick School-house and District.

That the Brighton-Harvard School-house, situated on North-Harvard street, and the District belonging to the same, be hereafter known to this Board as the Allston Grammar School-house and District.

Mr. Learnard, Mr. Hutchins in the Chair, moved that the report be laid upon the table and printed.

Passed.

Bates, Joshua; Report of committee to draw up resolutions.

Mr. Godfrey Morse, from the committee appointed to present resolutions recognizing the services of Joshua Bates, master of the Brimmer School, submitted the following: —

The committee appointed May 26, 1876, in pursuance of the order to draw up suitable resolutions recognizing the faithful and valuable services rendered our schools by Joshua Bates, late master of the Brimmer School, beg leave to offer the following resolutions: —

"*Resolved*, That the School Committee of the City of Boston, recognizing the faithful and successful labors of Joshua Bates, who for thirty-two years was principal of the Brimmer School, desire to place on record their appreciation of the fidelity with which Mr. Bates performed his duties, and attest to the success which has crowned his persevering labors.

"The committee regret the loss to the city of so valued an instructor, and hope that relaxation from active service will restore Mr. Bates to the enjoyment of his health, while the best wishes of the committee for his

well-earned rest and happiness accompany him in his retirement."

On motion of Mr. Godfrey Morse, the Secretary was instructed to have a copy of the resolution engrossed and sent to Mr. Bates.

Mr. Perkins, from the Committee on Drawing, submitted the following: —

Instructors in Drawing; election of.

Ordered, That the following nominations, made by the Drawing Committee, be confirmed: —

Director: Walter Smith.

Special Instructors: Henry Hitchings, Charles A. Barry, Lucas Baker, Benjamin F. Nutting, Mercy A. Bailey, Mary Carter.

The report was accepted, and on motion of Mr. Perkins the Board voted to proceed to a ballot for Director of Drawing.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Perkins, Fitzgerald and Winship a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duties, reported as follows: —

Whole number of votes . . .	19
Necessary for a choice . . .	13
Blank	2
Walter Smith had	17

And Walter Smith was declared elected.

The remaining instructors were re-elected.

Mr. Godfrey Morse moved that the rules be suspended, and that the doors be opened.

Passed.

Mr. Perkins, from the Committee on Music, submitted the following: —

Ordered, That the following nominations made by the Music Committee be confirmed: —

Director: Julius Eichberg.

Special Instructors: Henry E. Holt, Luther Mason, J. M. Mason, J. B. Sharland, Lucy H. Garlin, Hiram Wilde. Instructors in Music; election of.

On motion of Mr. Perkins the Board voted to proceed to a ballot for Director of Music.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Hayes, Godfrey Morse, and James Morse a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duties, reported as follows: —

Whole number of votes . . .	21
Necessary for a choice . . .	13
Julius Eichberg had . . .	21

And Julius Eichberg was declared elected.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to recommit the list of instructors remaining, with instructions to drop three.

Lost.

The report was accepted, and the teachers re-elected.

Mr. Winship, from the Committee on Sewing, presented the names of the following teachers for election as teachers of sewing for the ensuing school year: — Sewing teachers; election of.

Lizzie Kenna, Eliza A. Baxter, Catherine E. Bigelow, Delia Mansfield, Catherine G. Hosmer, Emma C. Waterhouse, Martha A. Sargent, Margaret Reid, Kate Doherty, Malvina L. Sears, Annie S. Brazer, Fanny C. Close, Sarah J. Bliss, Susan Cousens, Maria L. Young, Eliza M. Cleary, Francis E. Stevens, Isabella Cumming, Sophia M. Ryder, J. A. Skilton, E. A. Boyd, Julia Z. Ridgway, Nellie J. Lincoln, Sarah A. Stall.

On probation: — Catherine C. Nelson, Elizabeth D. Cutter.

The report was accepted, and the nominations re-elected.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Licensed Minors, nominated for re-election as teachers of the schools in their charge: —

Sarah A. Brackett, M. Persis Taylor.

Passed.

Resignations of teachers.

Mr. Hayes, from the Fifth Division, presented the following resignations: —

Franklin District. — Alfarata M. Nichols, third assistant, to take effect Sept. 1st.

Rice District. — Mattie Dadmun, fourth assistant, to take effect Sept. 1st.

Sherwin District. — Emily L. Marston, fourth assistant, to take effect Sept. 1st.

Mr. Finney, from the Second Division, presented the following resignation: —

Charlestown-Harvard School. — Lucy A. Kimball, third assistant, to take effect Sept. 1st.

Mr. Hutchins, from the Normal School Committee, presented the following resignation: —

Normal School. — Florence W. Stetson, fourth assistant, to take effect Sept. 1st.

The several resignations were accepted.

Physical apparatus for English High School.

Mr. Flint, from the Committee on High Schools, submitted the following, and moved its reference to the Committee on Accounts, with full power: —

Ordered, That such apparatus as may be needed for carrying on the work of instruction in Physics in the English High School be procured in accordance with the subjoined list.

Passed.

Resignations of teachers.

Miss Hale, from the Committee on the Third Division, presented the following resignations: —

Third Division. Hancock District. — Maria A. Gibbs, fourth assistant, to take effect September 1st.

Wells District. — Elizabeth P. Winning, third assistant, to take effect at the close of the present school year.

The resignations were accepted.

Mr. William T. Adams, from the Committee on Salaries, submitted the following: —

1. Upon the order that Miss Edith W. Howe, third assistant in the Harvard District, Charlestown, be paid the maximum salary from Feb. 1, 1876; "That, in consideration of her having resigned in 1873 to attend an advanced course of instruction, and having been reappointed within the three years prescribed by Section 89 of the Regulations, — the order ought to pass." Howe, Edith W.; salary of.

2. Upon the order that Miss Ella S. Wales, head assistant in the Atherton School, Gibson District, receive the rank and salary of a second assistant: "That, in consideration of her having the charge of three divisions, two of which belong to the Grammar department, and her having been a head assistant six years, — the order ought to pass." Wales, Ella S.; salary of.

The reports were accepted and the orders passed.

Mr. William T. Adams, from the Committee on Salaries, submitted the following, that —

"At the request of the Secretary, the Committee on Salaries submit the following order, and report that the same ought to pass: —

"*Ordered*, That there be paid the sum of one hundred and sixteen dollars and sixty-seven cents, in full for all services rendered in the Secretary's department, to George M. Towle." Towle, G. M.; payment for services.

Passed.

Also the same committee submitted the following, and recommend that it ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the salary of the female assistant regularly employed in the office of the Secretary of this Board be established and paid at the rate of seven hun- Assistant in Secretary's office; salary of.

dred and twenty dollars a year, or sixty dollars a month, from June 1st, 1876.

Passed.

Schedule of salaries of instructors.

Mr. William T. Adams, from the Committee on Salaries, in accordance with the rules submitted in print a schedule of salaries for the instruction of the various schools for the ensuing School Year.

The committee called attention to an error in the report on the 7th page, where it reads $500 for assistants in Laboratory, Girls' High School, which should be $800, the same as now paid.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Finney moved to lay the report upon the table.

Passed.

Mr. Finney also moved that when the Board adjourn, it be to Wednesday, the 28th inst., at eight o'clock P.M.

Mr. Hutchins moved to substitute Friday for Wednesday.

Lost, 5 to 11.

Mr. Finney's motion prevailed.

Mr. Godfrey Morse offered the following: —

Duncan, R. L.; examination of for second-grade certificate.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors specially examine, according to the rules, Miss R. L. Duncan for the certificate of the second grade of instructors, and they are hereby authorized to issue a certificate if they deem her qualified.

On motion of Mr. William T. Adams, the order was specially assigned for consideration at the next meeting, at 8.30 P.M.

Tierney, M. J.; election of.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, presented the following nominations for re-election in the Brimmer District, which is entitled to the same: Mary J. Tierney; fourth assistant.

The report was accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Mr. Fitzgerald offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Seventh Division be requested to grant a public hearing to the petitioners, on the charges against the Master of the Boys' Dudley School.

Public hearing, charges against Master of Dudley School.

After discussion, Mr. Fitzgerald moved the previous question, which prevailed.

The order was rejected.

Mr. Finney offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Rules be so amended as to provide that an usher shall be appointed in each of the High Schools of Charlestown, Dorchester, Roxbury and West Roxbury.

Amendment Rules and Regulations.

Referred to Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Hayes, from the Committee on Salaries, presented the following: —

Committee on Salaries; minority report.

"The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Salaries, dissents from the report of the majority, and offers the following order as a substitute therefor,—

"*Ordered*, That the salaries of the teachers for the year 1876–7 be the same as those that were established for the year 1875–6."

The report was accepted and the order laid upon the table.

Mr. James Morse moved that the Board adjourn.

The motion prevailed and at eleven o'clock the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday the 28th inst., at eight o'clock P. M.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 28th, 1876.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, at eight o'clock P. M.

The Vice-President presided.

All the members except the President, Messrs. Blake, Hayes, Merrill, Perkins and Plummer, were present.

On motion of Mr. Warren P. Adams, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with, the Board approving them as in print.

The Chair read the following communication, which was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Communication from Inspector of Buildings.

DEPARTMENT FOR THE SURVEY AND INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS.

CITY HALL, BOSTON, June 28, 2876.

To HON. WM. H. LEARNARD, JR., *Vice-President School Committee, City Hall:* —

Your attention is respectfully called to the provisions of Chapter 69, of the Laws of 1876, entitled "An Act for the better protection of life in buildings occupied for public purposes within the City of Boston," a copy of which is hereto annexed.

As will be seen upon perusal, this Act requires that exceptional precautions be taken by owners and occupants for the better protection of this class of buildings from fire, and calls for ample and sufficient means of egress therefrom in case of fire, panic or accident.

In certain cases the provisions of the Act provide for an appeal from the decree of the Inspector, and the matter is then referred to a Board of Survey, whose decision in the premises is final.

In other respects the decree of the Inspector is without appeal, and it is desirable that his suggestions, when made, shall have that

attention given to them to which they are entitled, from the official source from which they emanate; and you will please take notice, that the provisions of this Act, and to which your attention is especially called, will, in all cases, be strictly enforced.

Respectfully yours,

OLIVER L. SHAW,

Inspector of Buildings.

[CHAPTER 69.]

AN ACT FOR THE BETTER PROTECTION OF LIFE IN BUILDINGS OCCUPIED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows: —

SECTION 1. Whenever it shall be reported to the Inspector of Buildings of the City of Boston, that any church, theatre, hall, or other building or structure, used, or intended to be used, temporarily or permanently for any public purpose, or any school-house or school-room, public or private, within the City of Boston, is deficient in proper facilities of egress in case of fire or accident, either in the number, width, construction or arrangement of the entrances, aisles, passage-ways or stairways, or by reason of inner doors opening inward, or from any other cause whatever, arising from the manner of construction or repairs of the premises, it shall be the duty of the said Inspector of Buildings to inspect the same; and if, in his judgment, they are so deficient, he shall notify the owner or owners, occupant, or lessee, or other person having charge thereof, and require of him or them such increased facilities of egress as, in the judgment of the inspector, the security of the public in life and limb in case of fire or accident may require.

The person or persons so notified shall be allowed forty-eight hours from the time of the service of the

notice to begin the alterations required by the notice; and he or they shall employ sufficient labor to accomplish the same as expeditiously as may be. If he or they shall refuse or neglect to comply with the requirements of said notice as aforesaid, then a survey of the premises shall be made in the manner set forth in the thirteenth section of chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three. Upon the report of the board of survey, if the same shall declare that said premises are deficient in proper facilities of egress in case of fire or accident, and upon the continued neglect or refusal of the owner or owners, occupant, lessee, or other person having charge thereof, to provide the requisite increased facilities of egress, then it shall be lawful for the Supreme Judicial Court to issue an injunction forbidding, or limiting, the use of the premises in such manner as the safety of the public, or of persons using the same, may require. Such owner or owners, occupant, lessee or other person having charge of the premises, shall likewise be liable to a penalty of not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars, for every day's continuance of neglect or refusal to comply with the original notice of the inspector of buildings, to be recovered by the city of Boston in an action of tort.

Sect. 2. Whenever it shall appear to the inspector of buildings of the City of Boston that in any of the buildings or structures, or portions thereof, mentioned in the foregoing section, the security of the public is either temporarily or permanently endangered by the use of combustible stuff or materials, or that benches, chairs, stools, or other obstructions, are either temporarily or permanently placed in the aisles or passage-ways thereof, in such a manner as to prevent free egress in case of fire or accident, during the time when the same may be

opened to the public, or that benches, chairs or settees are either temporarily or permanently so arranged as not to afford proper passage between them, and sufficient egress in case of fire or accident, or that outer doors opening inward are not kept open when such buildings or structures are used by the public, the said inspector shall notify the owner or owners, lessee, occupant or other person having charge of the premises, and require him or them to make the premises safe; and if he or they shall refuse or neglect to do so, he or they shall be liable to a penalty of not less than fifty dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars for each offence, to be recovered by the City of Boston in an action of tort.

SECT. 3. All outer doors of buildings and structures mentioned in section one of this Act shall be kept open when such buildings or structures are used by the public, unless such doors open outwards, and except that fly-doors opening both ways may be kept closed. All inner doors of such buildings and structures shall be made so as to open outwards.

SECT. 4. Section sixty of chapter two hundred and eighty of the Acts of the year Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-one is hereby repealed.

SECT. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved March 28, 1876.]

Report of Committee on Nominations; nominations on probation.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported for nomination on probation the names of Minna Marden, as third assistant in the Central school, term of service to commence Feb. 1st, 1876; A. M. Ward, third assistant in the Sherwin school, term of service to commence Feb. 1st, 1876; and Minnie Keenan, fourth assistant, Lawrence District, term of service to commence April 15th, 1876.

Mr. Flint moved to take from the table report of Committee on the Latin and English High Schools.

Report of Committee on High Schools; on consolidation of Latin and English High Schools.

The motion prevailed, and Mr. Flint then moved that the regulations relating to the Latin School be so amended as to provide an eight years' instead of nine years' course.

Miss May moved to amend Mr. Flint's motion as follows: That the Latin School course be for seven years. That the studies designated for the first year be carried on in other schools with the exception of the Latin, which shall begin on the entrance of the pupil, who, on entering, must be otherwise fitted for the course now designated as the second year's course, and that the minimum age for admission be ten years.

Mr. William T. Adams moved that Mr. Supervisor Peterson be requested to give his views upon the subject.

The motion prevailed, and Mr. Peterson stated his views.

The amendment offered by Miss May was lost.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Flint passed, and the course of study reported for the Latin School was then adopted.

The recommendation of the committee, that it is inexpedient to consolidate the two schools, was adopted.

Mr. Hutchins, from the Committee on Text-books, presented in print the annual report on text-books, and moved its acceptance.

Report of Committee on Text-books.

The motion prevailed, and the report was accepted.

Mr. Hutchins also moved that the report be laid upon the table till the next meeting, as required by law.

Passed.

Mr. Warren P. Adams called for the special assignment, the consideration of the order offered by Mr.

Special assignment.

Godfrey Morse to provide for the granting of a second-grade certificate to Rebecca L. Duncan.

Mr. Godfrey Morse offered the following as a substitute: —

Ordered, That the report of the Supervisors, submitted last evening, in reference to the case of Miss Duncan, be referred to the Committee on Examinations, with instructions to report to this Board whether or not the recommendation of the Supervisors to grant a certificate of the second grade to Miss Duncan should be adopted.

Lost, 7 to 11.

Mr. Fitzgerald called for a verification of the doubt by a yea and nay vote.

The yeas and nays were ordered. Seven members voted yea, and eleven members voted nay, as follows: —

Yeas: Messrs. Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Misses Hale, May, Mr. Godfrey Morse, Miss Peabody, and Mr. Winship.

Nays: Messrs. Warren P. Adams, William T. Adams, Blakemore, Chapin, Finney, Flint, Hutchins, Moran, James Morse, Palmer and Thayer.

Mr. Hutchins moved that the vote on the special assignment (examination of R. L. Duncan for certificate of second grade, Minutes, page 152) be taken by yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered; seven members voted yea and eleven members voted nay, as follows: —

Yeas: Messrs. Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Misses Hale, May, Mr. Godfrey Morse, Miss Peabody, and Mr. Winship.

Nays: Messrs. Warren P. Adams, William T. Adams, Blakemore, Chapin, Finney, Flint, Hutchins, Moran, James Morse, Palmer, and Thayer.

And the original order was rejected.

Mr. Chapin, from the Committee on School Houses, submitted a report, as follows: —

Report of Committee on School Houses; on consolidation of Phillips and Mayhew Districts.

In relation to an order which was referred to them for the consolidation of the Phillips and Mayhew School Districts, — the committee have attended to that duty and offer the following order, together with an order establishing the lines of the Eliot School District with its new territory annexed, and a new district on what has been known as the Back Bay territory, which came back as unfinished business of the last Board.

District lines; change of

Ordered, That the boundary lines of the Phillips and Eliot Districts be hereafter as follows: —

Phillips District lines.

Phillips District. — Beginning on the Boston and Maine Railroad at the water; thence by the railroad by Haymarket square; thence by the centre of Washington street to Court street; thence by the centre of Court to Tremont street; thence by the centre of Tremont to Beacon street; thence by the centre of Beacon to Charles street; thence by the centre of Charles to a point on a line of Byron street extended; thence by said line and centre of Byron to Brimmer street; thence by centre of Brimmer street to passage-way immediately in the rear of estates fronting on Beacon street; thence in a south-westerly direction by said passage-way to the water; thence by the water to point of beginning.

Eliot District lines.

Eliot District. — Beginning on the Boston and Maine Railroad at the water; thence by railroad to Haymarket square; thence by centre of Washington to State street; thence by centre of State street to the water; thence by the water to the point of beginning.

New District.

Ordered, That a new district, beginning at the water opposite the centre of the foot of West Chester Park; thence by the water to Otter street; thence by preceding line extended to Brimmer street; thence by the centre of

Brimmer to Byron street; thence by the centre of Byron street extended to Charles street; thence by the centre of Charles street to Boston and Providence Railroad station; thence by the railroad to the Boston and Albany Railroad crossing; thence by B. & A. R. R. to West Chester Park; thence by the centre of West Chester Park to the point of beginning, and that said District be known as the Otis Grammar School District.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked for a division of the question.

The several orders were put upon their passage.

The first order, boundary lines of the Phillips and Eliot Districts, passed.

Mr. William T. Adams moved an amendment to order No. 2; that there be substituted in place of a new Grammar School District the words, "That the Grammar scholars who attend the Newbury-street School come from a territory bounded as follows," and by omitting the words, "and that said district be known as the Otis Grammar School District."

Passed.

Order No. 2 was passed as amended.

Report of Committee on Nominations; nominations of instructors of Mayhew and Phillips Districts.

Mr. Finney moved to take from the table the report of the Committee on Nominations, nominating for re-election the instructors of the consolidated districts of the Mayhew and Phillips Schools.

Passed.

Miss Hale asked that the report be laid upon the table, that she might offer an order upon the subject. The motion prevailed.

Miss Hale then offered the following: —

Mayhew District; Smaller District.

Ordered, That a smaller district be formed of the present Mayhew District, of over two hundred scholars, with a sub-master as principal, which district shall include such scholars as remain after sending one hun-

dred and twenty-six to the Eliot, and two hundred and twelve to the Phillips Schools to fill the various rooms in those districts.

Miss Hale moved that the rules be suspended, that the order might be considered at the present time.

Lost.

Miss Hale moved its reference to the Committee on School Houses.

Lost.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was then taken from the table.

Nomination of instructors, Mayhew and Phillips Districts.

Miss May moved to amend the report by making the grade of Miss Porter second assistant in place of third assistant.

Mr. Godfrey Morse moved to substitute Miss Porter a third assistant, for Miss Moulton, a first assistant, and Miss Moulton, a first assistant, for Miss Porter, a third assistant.

Mr. Finney moved the previous question, which motion prevailed.

A motion to suspend the rules to allow a consideration of the amendment offered by Miss May failed to pass.

The motion to substitute was lost, and the teachers as presented by the committee in their printed report were re-elected.

Mr. James Morse moved to take from the table the report of the Committee on Salaries.

Report of Committee on Salaries.

Passed.

Mr. Winship moved to specially assign the same to the first meeting in September.

Special assignment.

Passed.

Mr. Fitzgerald, from the Committee on Truant Officers, submitted the following: —

Report of Committee on Truant Officers; nomination of Truant Officers.

In accordance with Section 55 of the Rules and Regulations, requiring the Committee on Truant Officers to nominate suitable persons for truant officers at the second regular meeting in June, the committee nominate the following officers for re-election: —

Chase Cole, Chief; Phineas Bates, George M. Felch, C. E. Turner, J. T. Beers, A. M. Leavitt, Samuel McIntosh, E. F. Mecuen, J. M. Swett, J. P. Leeds, C. S. Wooffindale, S. P. White, H. F. Ripley.

Truant Officers; salaries of.

The committee would recommend that the salary of the chief officer be at the rate of $1,250 per annum, and that of the other officers be at the rate of $1,100 per annum, and move the adoption of the same.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald the several officers nominated were re-elected, and that portion of the report relating to the salaries was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Fletcher offered the following: —

Transfer of teachers.

Ordered, That Addie D. Chandler, fourth assistant in the Brimmer District, be transferred to a corresponding grade in the Chapman District; and that Helen T. Higgins, fourth assistant in the Chapman District, be transferred to the corresponding grade in the Brimmer District.

Passed.

Rules and Regulations, amendment; reports from Board of Supervisors.

Miss May offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 10, Chapter 2, of the Rules and Regulations be amended by inserting between numbers four and five in the order of business, the words "written reports from the Board of Supervisors," number that clause No. 5, and changing the number of the next clause to No. 6; and that this order be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Passed.

Mr. Hutchins moved that when this Board adjourn, it be to Friday, the 30th instant, at eight o'clock, P. M.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. James Morse, the Board adjourned at half-past ten o'clock, to meet on Friday, the 30th instant, at eight o'clock, P. M.

Attest: GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 30th, 1876.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, at eight o'clock P. M.

The Vice-President presided.

All the members except the President, Messrs. Flint, Hayes, Merrill, Plummer and Winship, were present.

On motion of Mr. Godfrey Morse, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with, the Board approving them as in print.

Report Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported the following teachers for re-election, the districts mentioned being entitled to the same: —

Re-election of teachers.

Lois A. Rankin, fourth assistant in the Harvard District, and Delia R. Capen, fourth assistant in the Harris District.

Report Committee on Text-Books.

Mr. Hutchins moved to take from the table the report of the Committee on Text-Books.

Passed.

Recommitted.

Miss Hale moved to recommit the report to the Committee on Text-Books.

Passed.

Hearsey, S. E.; resignation of.

The Chair read the resignation of Sarah E. Hearsey, an assistant in the Harris School, to take effect September 1st, 1876.

The resignation was accepted.

Report Committee on Drawing.

Mr. Perkins, from the Committee on Drawing, submitted, in print, the report of that committee, together with the programme of study for the ensuing school year.

The report was accepted, and the programme adopted.

Report Committee on Music.

Mr. Perkins, from the Committee on Music, submitted, in print, the report of that committee, together with the programme of study for the ensuing school year.

The report was accepted, and the programme adopted.

Report Committee on High Schools; list of text-books and reference-books.

Miss May moved to take from the table the printed report of the Committee on High Schools, being a list of text-books and reference-books used in the several High Schools.

The motion prevailed, and the report was accepted.

Mr. Hutchins offered the following order: —

Text-books, present list continued.

Ordered, That the text-books now in use in the Grammar and Primary Schools be continued for the coming school-year.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Palmer offered the following order: —

Supervisors to consider course of study in Grammar and Primary Schools, and report changes.

Ordered, That the Supervisors be requested to consider, during the next school year, the course of study in the Grammar and Primary Schools, and report such changes as they may deem advisable to the Committee on Text-Books.

Passed.

Mr. James Morse offered the following order: —

Desks and chairs, rearrangement of, in Grammar and Primary Schools.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to rearrange the desks and chairs in the Grammar and Primary Schools, and to increase the number thereof so as to conform to the present Regulations of the Board.

Mr. William T. Adams moved to amend by inserting after the words "to rearrange," the words, "as far as is practicable."

Miss May moved to amend by adding the words, "regard being had to securing a left-hand light."

The amendment offered by Miss May was adopted. The amendment offered by Mr. William T. Adams was

accepted by Mr. James Morse, and the order, as thus amended, passed.

Mr. Perkins offered the following order, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts, with full powers : —

Ordered, That the sum of $472.50 be paid to O. E. Locke, for his services as substitute to Hiram Wilde, special instructor of Music, from April 17th to June 30th, and that the said sum be deducted from the salary of Mr. Wilde.

Locke, O. E.; pay as substitute.

Mr. William T. Adams offered the following order : —

Ordered, That the Committee on Sewing be requested to locate the several teachers of sewing, as required by Section 50 of the Regulations, and report to the Board in relation to the same.

Sewing teachers; location of.

Passed.

Mr. Finney moved to take from the table the report of the Committee on Nominations, rejecting the nomination of R. L. Duncan as sub-master of the Brimmer School.

Report Committee on Nominations; nominating Miss R. L. Duncan as sub-master of Brimmer School.

Passed.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked for the ruling of the Chair, if the report was in order according to the Rules of the Board.

The Chair stated that it was competent for the Board to reject the nomination.

Mr. Fitzgerald raised the point of order that the report under the rules could not be entertained.

The Chair stated that in his opinion there were but two ways to act upon a nomination made contrary to the rules of the Board, — to reject the nomination, or refer it back to the committee making it.

Mr. Fitzgerald repeated his point of order.

The Chair stated that the report of the Committee on Nominations having been received and laid upon the table, it was competent for the Board to act upon the same.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked if it was competent for a member to move the nomination of R. L. Duncan for sub-master of Brimmer School.

The Chair ruled that under the rules such a motion could not be entertained.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved that the nomination be referred back to the Committee of the Fifth Division.

Mr. Godfrey Morse raised the point of order that the nomination was not properly before the Board.

The Chair declared that the nomination was embodied in the report of a committee, and that it was in order for the Board to reject or refer the same.

Mr. Finney moved to amend the motion to refer back, by adding, "with instructions to report the name of a person eligible for the position."

The amendment was adopted and the motion to refer back to the committee passed.

Lovell, S. E.; salary of.

Miss Peabody offered the following order: —

Ordered, That Miss Sarah E. Lovell, teacher in the Comins School, receive the rank and pay of second assistant, and that the rules be suspended if necessary for the passage of this order.

The rules were suspended and the order passed.

Rules and Regulations. Edition of.

Mr. William T. Adams offered the following order: —

Ordered, That three thousand copies of the Rules and Regulations be printed with such amendments as have been adopted up to the present time.

Passed.

Committee on School Houses; report on re-naming districts.

Mr. Finney moved to take from the table the report of the Committee on School Houses, re-naming school-houses.

Passed.

Mr. Learnard, Mr. Hutchins in the Chair, called for a division of the question.

The question being upon the passage of the first order, That the present Everett Grammar School-house situated on West Northampton street, and the district belonging to the same, be hereafter known to this Board as the Sumner School-house and District;

Mr. Learnard moved to substitute the "Dorchester-Everett" for the "Everett," and to strike out the words, "situated on West Northampton street."

Mr. Finney moved that the two schools retain their present names: Everett School, West Northampton street, and Dorchester-Everett School.

Mr. Learnard withdrew his motion, and the motion of Mr. Finney passed.

Winthrop School-house and district; change of name.

The second order, that the Winthrop School-house, situated on Tremont street, and the district belonging to the same, be hereafter known as the Webster School-house and District, being under consideration;

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to amend by substituting, "That the Charlestown-Winthrop School and District be hereafter known as the Frothingham School and District, in honor of the Hon. Richard Frothingham.

The motion to amend prevailed, and the substitute was adopted.

Prescott School-house and district, East Boston; change of name.

The third order, that the Prescott School-house, and district belonging to the same, situated in East Boston, be hereafter known as the Maverick School-house and District;

Mr. Fletcher moved to substitute "Emerson" for "Maverick."

Mr. Palmer seconded the motion, and hoped it would be named in honor of Frederick Emerson.

The Chair stated the question to be on substituting the name of Emerson for Maverick; and the Board voted to make the change.

Brighton-Harvard School-house and district; change of name.

Order number four, That the Brighton-Harvard School-house, situated on North Harvard street, and district belonging to the same, be hereafter known to this Board as the Allston Grammar School-house and District;

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Godfrey Morse, the several orders, as thus amended, were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Chapin it was voted that the Secretary notify the City Government of the several changes.

East Boston ferries; free transportation over.

Mr. Fletcher moved to take from the table the order that the East Boston ferries should be free to the members of the School Committee (page 9, Minutes).

Passed.

Mr. Fletcher further moved that the order be indefinitely postponed.

Passed.

Miss May offered the following order: —

Committees to report on matters referred.

Ordered, That the several committees to whom matters have been referred which have not yet been reported upon, be requested to be prepared with their reports upon the same, for presentation at the first regular meeting in September.

Passed.

Special meeting; consideration of business.

Mr. Fitzgerald requested that, should a special meeting be called, no business be considered except such as pertained to the special meeting.

Mr. Godfrey Morse moved that the Board now adjourn.

The motion prevailed, and at twenty minutes past ten the Board adjourned.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 5th, 1876.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council chamber, at half past seven, P. M.

The Vice-President presided.

All the members except the President and Mr. Chapin, Misses Hale and May, Messrs. Merrill, Perkins and Plummer, were present.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with, the Board approving them as in print.

The Chair read the following communication: —

Wm. T. Adams, resignation of.

BOSTON, July 20, 1876.

HON. SAMUEL C. COBB, *President of the School Committee*: —

DEAR SIR, — As my health is somewhat impaired, and as my private business has been almost entirely neglected since the organization of the present Board, I feel obliged to tender my resignation as a member of the School Committee.

For all the courtesy and consideration extended to me by the President, the Vice-President, and the members of the Board, I beg to express to them my most grateful acknowledgments; and in retiring after more than ten years of continuous service as a member of the School Committee of Dorchester and Boston, I feel that my release from the onerous labors of the office is procured only by the sacrifice of many pleasant associations and the giving up of what has always been an agreeable work to me.

Very respectfully yours,

WILLIAM T. ADAMS.

The resignation was accepted.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Finney submitted a report from the Committee on Nominations and the Committee on High Schools, acting

under the rules as a joint committee, nominating Homer B. Sprague as head-master for the Girls' High School. Mr. Finney moved a suspension of the rules requiring the committee to report two names for the position.

The rules were suspended, and the report accepted.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board voted to proceed to an election.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Finney, Winship, and Fitzgerald a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duties, reported as follows: —

Whole number of votes . . .	14
Necessary for a choice . . .	13
Homer B. Sprague had . . .	13
William W. Warren had . . .	1

Homer B. Sprague, election of.

And Homer B. Sprague was declared elected.

Mr. Flint, from the Committee on High Schools, reported the following order: —

Charles H. Brooks, election of.

Ordered, That Charles H. Brooks be employed as clerk of the head-master of the English High and Latin Schools, at a salary of six hundred dollars a year.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

Text-books, Report of Committee.

Mr. Hutchins, from the Committee on Text-books, submitted a report of that committee, as follows: —

For the English High School.

	Retail Price.
1. *Ordered*, That Chauvenet's Geometry. take the place of Davies' Legendre, now in use. .	$2 00

2. *Ordered*, That Greenleaf's Trignometry . take the place of Davies' Trigonometry, now in use.	$0 94
3. *Ordered*, That Norton's Natural Philosophy take the place of Stewart's Physics, now in use.	1 50
4. *Ordered*, That Hutchinson's Physiology . take the place of Huxley's Anatomy and Physiology, now in use.	1 50
5. *Ordered*, That Keetel's French Grammar . take the place of Bôcher's Otto's French Grammar, now in use.	2 00
6. *Ordered*, That Martin's Civil Government . take the place of Townsend's Analysis of Civil Government, now in use.	1 25
7. *Ordered*, That Michelet's Jeanne d'Arc . be used as a text-book for the second class.	0 80
8. *Ordered*, That Bain's Brief English Grammar	0 50
Graham's English Synonymes . . .	1 50
Hill's General Rules for Punctuation . .	0 25
Abbott's How to Write Clearly . . .	0 60
be used as text-books in the English language.	
9. *Ordered*, That Bacon's Essays . . .	1 00
Carlyle's Heroes and Hero-Worship . .	0 90
Tennyson's Poems	1 00
Lowell's Vision of Sir Launfal . . .	0 75
Macaulay's Essays on Milton, and on History	1 00
Irving's Life of Mahomet	1 25
be authorized as text-books.	

For the Girls' High School.

1. *Ordered*, That Keetel's Elementary French Grammar $1 25
take the place of Bôcher's Otto's Grammar, now in use.
2. *Ordered*, That Mixer's Manual of French Poetry 2 00
take the place of Corneille's Cid, now in use.
3. *Ordered*, That Martin's Civil Government . 1 25
take the place of Alden's Science of Government, now in use.
4. *Ordered*, That Norton's Elementary Physics 0 90
take the place of Stewart's Physics, now in use.

For the Roxbury High School.

1. *Ordered*, That Bradbury's Eaton's Algebra 1 25
take the place of Sherwin's Algebra, now in use.
2. *Ordered*, That Bradbury's Geometry . . 1 00
take the place of Brooks' Geometry, now in use.
3. *Ordered*, That Keetel's French Grammar . 2 00
take the place of Bôcher's Otto's Grammar, now in use.
4. *Ordered*, That Bôcher's French Reader . 1 50
take the place of Le Grandpère, now in use.
5. *Ordered*, That Norton's Natural Philosophy 1 50
take the place of Wells' Natural Philosophy, now in use.
6. *Ordered*, That Martin's Civil Government . 1 25
take the place of Townsend's Civil Government, now in use.

7. *Ordered*, That Hutchinson's Physiology . 1 50
take the place of Dalton's Physiology, now in use.

GENERAL ORDERS.

1. *Ordered*, That the foregoing books be introduced only as new classes are formed in the several studies.
2. *Ordered*, That, as New Grammar or High Schools are organized, the new edition of Appleton's American Cyclopædia be procured, instead of the older edition now in the schools.
3. *Ordered*, That Hillard's Fourth Reader . 0 70
be permitted in the first class in the Primary Schools.

For the Committee,

CHARLES HUTCHINS,
Chairman.

BOSTON, 1876.

The report was accepted.

The passage of the orders being under consideration, the Chair stated that, the report having been recommitted to the committee, it came before the Board as new matter, and, under the statute law, would have to be laid upon the table for one meeting.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins, the orders were laid upon the table.

Mr. Warren P. Adams submitted the following order, and moved that the rules be suspended that it might be passed at the present time.

Julia T. Jellison; certificate of service.

Ordered, That a certificate of service of the fifth grade be granted to Miss Julia T. Jellison, she having taught

for ten consecutive years in the service of the city of Boston.

The rules were suspended and the order passed.

High Schools; uniform course of study.

Mr. Flint, from the Committee on High Schools, submitted a plan for a uniform system of studies for the first year's course in all the High Schools, and moved the adoption of the same.

Uniform Course of Study for Boston High Schools, First Year.

English and History.	Languages.	Mathematics.	Sciences.
5 hours till March 1.	5 hours till March 1.	5 hours.	4 hours after March 1.
3 hours after "	3 hours after "	Arithmetic and an introduction to Geometry (1 hour).	Botany.
English as in first plan.*	Latin or French.	Algebra (4 hours).	
Ancient History.			

*(Copied from first plan.) 1. Brief accounts of certain authors, with study of some of their best works. 2. Reading aloud, reciting or speaking selections in prose and poetry from the authors. 3. Elementary exercises in composition (sentences, writing from dictation, etc.), with practical grammar.

The report was accepted and the plan adopted.

Mr. Godfrey Morse offered the following order: —

Vacancy; convention to fill.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen informing that body that a vacancy exists in the Board of School Committee, caused by the resignation of William T. Adams, and proposing that a convention of said Board of Aldermen and School Committee be held at seven and a half o'clock, P. M., on Tuesday, September 26, 1876, for the purpose of filling said vacancy for the remainder of this municipal year; and that public notice thereof be given according to law.

Passed.

Mr. Hutchins offered the following order: —

Report of Committee on Accounts.

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the Report of the Committee on Accounts be printed.

Passed.

Mr. Hutchins offered the following order: —

Ordered, That eight hundred (800) copies of the Catalogue of the Normal School be printed.

Normal School; catalogue.

Passed.

Mr. Blakemore offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the text-books authorized by the Board for use in the Grammar and Primary Schools be introduced in the schools of West Roxbury, as new books are needed, in place of those now used and authorized only by the special vote passed Jaunary 12, 1874.

West Roxbury; text-books in.

Passed.

Mr. Palmer offered the following order: —

Ordered, That a Primary School be organized in the neighborhood of Brook avenue.

New Primary School near Brook Avenue.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read a communication from Mr. Geo. B. Watson, asking that the name of Mayhew might be retained in connection with the Phillips School, suggesting that the name might stand as the Phillips-Mayhew.

Geo. B. Watson; communication from.

The communication was referred to the Committee on the Third Division.

The Chair read a communication from Mr. Charles E. Swett, recent sub-master of the boys' Dudley School, asking for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the reasons of his removal.

Chas. E. Swett; communication from.

A communication was received from H. H. Fitch and others in aid of the same.

On motion of Mr. Adams, both papers were laid upon the table.

Mr. Flint offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be authorized to issue Provisory Certificates to candidates for certificates of the First and Third Grades, at the current

Provisory certificates to candidates of First and Third Grades.

examinations; the certificates allowing them to act as temporary teachers and substitutes.

Such action having been already taken by the Board, the order was not entertained.

Mr. Blakemore offered the following order: —

High Schools; district lines for.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be instructed to consider the expediency of reporting district lines for the High Schools of this city.

Passed.

Mr. Blakemore offered the following order: —

School Districts, Ward 23; district lines.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses and District Lines be requested to fix and report the district lines of the Grammar School Districts in Ward 23.

Passed.

Mr. Palmer moved that the Board now adjourn.

The motion prevailed, and at nine o'clock the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday the 12th inst., at 7.30 P. M.

Attest: GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 12, 1876.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

The Vice-President presided.

All the members except the President were present.

On motion of Mr. Merrill, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with, the Board approving them as in print.

Mr. Merrill, from the Fifth Division Committee, presented the resignations of Caroline E. Jones and Amelia M. Hinckley, third assistants in the Dwight School, to take effect respectively Sept. 4, and Sept. 1, 1876. Resignation of teachers.

The resignations were accepted.

Mr. Merrill reported the death of Adeleve E. Whittemore, third assistant in the Everett School. Adeleve E. Whittemore; death of.

Mr. Flint, from the Committee on High Schools, presented the resignation of Julia A. Jellison, assistant of the Third Grade in the Girls' High School, to take effect Sept. 1, 1876. Resignation of teachers.

Mr. Adams, from the Sixth Division Committee, presented the resignation of A. M. Alexander, third assistant in the Gaston School, to take effect Sept. 1, 1876.

Miss Peabody, from the Seventh Division Committee, presented the resignation of Florence E. Brown, third assistant in the Boys' Dudley School, to take effect Sept. 1, 1876.

The resignations were severally accepted.

Miss Peabody offered the following order, which was passed: — Sarah J. Baker; leave of absence.

Ordered, That Miss Sarah J. Baker, principal of the

Girls' Dudley School, have leave of absence for one month, on account of sickness.

Passed.

Sarah T. Litchfield; death of.

Mr. Fletcher, from the Committee of the First Division, reported a vacancy in the grade of second assistant in the Emerson School, caused by the death of Miss Sarah T. Litchfield.

Nomination of teachers.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee of Nominations, reported the following teachers to be nominated on probation: —

Boys' Dudley. — Lucette S. James, third assistant, to commence Sept. 4, 1876.

Everett. — Persis E. King, third assistant, to commence Sept. 4.

Mt. Vernon. — Ada F. Adams, fourth assistant, to commence Sept. 4.

Central. — Emily A. Hanna, third assistant, to commence Sept. 4.

Dwight. — Jennie Eastman, third assistant, to commence Sept. 6.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported for confirmation, Annie M. Hotchkiss, third assistant in Bennett School, to commence Sept. 1, 1876.

The report was accepted and the nomination confirmed.

Margaret E. Johnson; appointment of.

The Chair read the following communication from the Secretary: —

CITY OF BOSTON.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, Sept. 12, 1876.

HON. SAMUEL C. COBB, *President of the Board of School Committee:* —

DEAR SIR, — In conformity with the order of the Board, passed May 23, 1876, I have appointed Miss Margaret E. Johnson an assistant in my department.

Very respectfully, GEORGE A. SMITH.

The appointment was confirmed.

The Chair read the following report from the Committee on Truant Officers: —

The Committee on Truant Officers nominate as truant officer, for the vacancy in West Roxbury, Warren J. Stokes.

Nomination of Warren J. Stokes; truant officer.

The nomination was confirmed.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom the following order was referred, reported that the order ought to pass. The report was accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; rules amended.

Ordered, That Section 10, Chapter 2 of the Rules and Regulations, be amended by inserting between numbers 4 and 5, in the order of business, the words "written reports from the Board of Supervisors," numbering that clause No. 5, and changing the number of the next clause to No. 6, and that this order be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Passed.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred the order relating to the appointment of ushers in the High Schools of Charlestown, Dorchester, Roxbury and West Roxbury, submitted the following report: —

Ushers in High Schools of Charlestown, Dorchester, Roxbury and West Roxbury.

"The committee report that, in consideration of the recent very thorough discussion of the subject, the order ought not to pass."

The report was accepted.

Mr. Thayer, from the same committee, reported no action necessary in relation to the order concerning corporal punishment in the Latin School, the matter being settled by Section 185 of the Rules and Regulations.

Corporal punishment in Latin School.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Thayer, from the same committee, asked for further time to consider the following subjects: —

Intermediate Schools; pupils in. A. Prince; communication form.

(1). Number of pupils for Intermediate Schools.

(2). Communication from A. Prince relating to the omission of the Saturday session of the Public Schools, for the accommodation of Jewish children.

Detention of scholars at recess.

(3.) Detention of scholars at recess.

Granted.

Report of Committee on Schools for Licensed Minors.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Schools for Licensed Minors, submitted the following report: —

The Committee on Schools for Licensed Minors report that the two schools under their charge continue to be an efficient element of Boston's school system. They propose, at a later time, to offer an order for the establishment of at least one school of the same character, for girls, the North End having a large number of girls whose claims to and need of suitable instruction appear to the committee to be exceedingly strong.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Flint, from the Committee on High Schools, offered the following order, which was referred to the Committee on Salaries: —

Charles B. Travis; maximum salary.

Ordered, That Charles B. Travis, a master in the English High School, be paid the maximum salary of that grade, in consideration of seven years of acceptable service as sub-master in that school.

Mr. Blakemore, from the Eighth Division, committee offered the following orders, both of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries: —

Emily A. Hanna; maximum salary.

Ordered, That Emily A. Hanna, third assistant in the Central School, be paid the maximum salary of her grade, from the date of her nomination, September 4, 1876.

Ada F. Adams; maximum salary.

Ordered, That Ada F. Adams, fourth assistant in the Mount Vernon School, be paid the maximum salary of her grade, from the date of her nomination, September 4, 1876.

Mr. Finney offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be directed to grant certificates of service of special grade to principals of Evening Schools, recommended by the Committee on Evening Schools, who have been in the service of the city of Boston previous to Jan. 10, 1876.

Certificates of service to principals of Evening Schools.

The order was passed under a suspension of the rules.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee of the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Henry L. Clapp, former usher in the Lincoln School, now first assistant, be transferred to the Boys' Dudley School with the rank of usher, the transfer to take effect Sept. 1, 1876.

Transfer of Henry L. Clapp, to Boys' Dudley School.

The order was passed.

It was voted, on motion of Mr. Hutchins, that the report of the Committee on Text-books be taken from the table.

Report of Committee on Text-books.

The orders appended to the report as amended were passed as follows: —

For the English High School.

(1.) *Ordered*, That Chauvenet's Geometry take the place of Davies' Legendre, now in use.

Passed, 17 to 1.

(2.) *Ordered*, That Greenleaf's Trigonometry take the place of Davies' Trigonometry, now in use.

Passed, 19 to 0.

For the Girls' High School.

Ordered, That Mixer's Manual of French Poetry take the place of Corneille's Cid, now in use.

Passed, 18 to 0.

For the Roxbury High School.

Ordered, That Bôcher's French Reader take the place of Le Grandpère, now in use.

Passed, 19 to 0.

FOR ALL THE HIGH SCHOOLS.

(1.) *Ordered*, That Norton's text-books be used in all the High Schools, in place of any books upon the same subjects, now in use.

Passed, 18 to 0.

(2.) *Ordered*, That Hutchison's Physiology be used in all the High Schools in place of any text-book on that subject, now in use.

Passed, 18 to 0.

(3.) *Ordered*, That Keetel's French Grammar be used in all the High Schools in place of the French Grammars now in use.

Passed, 19 to 0.

(4.) *Ordered*, That Martin's Civil Government be used in all the High Schools in place of any text-book on that subject, now in use.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald this order was amended to read, in addition, —

"And as a reference book in the first classes of the Grammar Schools."

Passed with amendment, 21 to 0.

(5.) *Ordered*, That Michelet's Jeanne d'Arc,
Bain's Brief English Grammar,
Graham's English Synonymes,
Hill's General Rules for Punctuation,
Abbott's, How to Write Clearly,
Bacon's Essays,
Carlyle's Heroes and Hero Worship,
Tennyson's Poems,
Lowell's Vision of Sir Launfal,
Macaulay's Essays on Milton and on History,
Irving's Life of Mahomet
be used as text-books in all High Schools.

Passed.

(6.) *Ordered*, That Bradbury's Eaton's Algebra be used in all the High Schools, in place of any text-book on that subject now in use.

Passed, 1 to 0.

7. *Ordered*, That Bradbury's Geometry be used in all the High Schools, except the English High School, in place of any book upon that subject now in use.

This order, on motion of Mr. Flint, was amended, to read in addition, "And that Hill's First Book in Geometry be permitted as a text-book in all the High Schools."

Passed, with amendment, 17 to 0.

General Orders.

1. *Ordered*, That the foregoing books be introduced only as new classes are formed in the several studies.

Passed.

2. *Ordered*, That as new Grammar or High Schools are organized, the new edition of Appleton's American Cyclopædia be procured, instead of the older edition now in the schools.

Passed.

(3.) *Ordered*, That Hillard's Fourth Reader be permitted in the first class in the Primary Schools.

Passed.

Mr. Flint offered the following: —

Ordered, That the text-books in use in the Latin and High Schools, not affected by the passage of the foregoing orders, be continued in use for the current school year.

Passed.

Mr. Perkins, from the Third Division Committee, presented the resignation of Emma Dexter, fourth assistant in the Wells School District, to take effect Sept. 1, 1876. Resignation of a teacher.

The resignation was accepted.

Reports of the Com. on Salaries.

Mr. Hayes moved that the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Salaries be taken from the table.

Lost, 13 to 2.

Report of Com. on Accounts; payment of teachers in ten monthly nstalments.

Mr. Merrill, for the Committee on Accounts, reported that it was inexpedient to pass the order that instructors of the Public Schools be paid in ten monthly instalments.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Adams moved a reconsideration of the vote refusing to take the salary reports from the table.

Passed.

Reports of Com. on Salaries specially assigned.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to assign the consideration of the same to the next meeting, at eight o'clock.

Passed.

Supervisors; leave of absence granted.

Mr. Thayer offered an order that the Supervisors be allowed leave of absence at Philadelphia, for one week.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins, the order was amended by striking out the word Philadelphia.

The order was then passed.

Com. on Salaries; Wm. B. Merrill nominated as chairman.

The Chair then nominated Mr. Merrill as chairman of the Committee on Salaries.

The nomination was confirmed.

Dorchester High School; petition for continuance of fourth year's course.

The Chair read a communication from the citizens of the Dorchester District petitioning for a continuance of the fourth year of the course in the Dorchester High School.

On motion of Mr. Godfrey Morse, the petition was referred to the Committee on High Schools.

Elizabeth N. Smith; petition regarding.

The Chair read a petition from some one hundred citizens of Boston, asking that Miss Elizabeth N. Smith be reappointed to the position of teacher in one of the Public Schools of the City of Boston.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the petition was referred to the Committee of the Third Division.

The following order was then offered by Miss May: —

Ordered, That the Division Committees have authority to grant leave of absence for one week to those teachers who will avail themselves of it, to visit the Centennial Exposition; with the understanding that not more than two teachers shall be absent at the same time from any school.

Leave of absence to teachers to visit Centennial.

On motion of Mr. Godfrey Morse, the order was laid on the table.

Mr. Thayer moved, that the petition of C. E. Swett and others, in aid of the same, be taken from the table, and that it be referred to the Committee of the Seventh Division and five extra members.

C. E. Swett and others; petitions of

Passed.

Mr. Blakemore, from the Eighth Division Committee, offered the following: —

Florence School and District to be changed to Sumner.

Ordered, That the new Grammar School Building now being erected in the Florence District be called the Sumner Grammar School, and that upon its completion and occupancy the School District now known as the Florence District be called the Sumner School District.

Mr. Hayes moved to amend the above by substituting the name Charles Sumner for Sumner.

The order as amended passed.

On motion of Mr. James Morse the President of the Board was added as chairman of the committee to consider the petition of C. E. Swett and others.

Committee on petitions of C. E. Swett and others; appointments on.

The Chair then appointed Messrs. Thayer, Palmer, Finney, Godfrey Morse and Chapin as the five members to be added to the committee of the Seventh Division.

The following order, offered by Mr. Finney, was referred to the Committee on School Houses: —

Grammar School District in Charlestown; revision of.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to consider the expediency of revising the districts of the Grammar Schools in Charlestown.

Mr. Merrill moved that the Board adjourn.

The motion prevailed, and at five minutes past ten o'clock, the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at half-past seven o'clock.

Attest:

GEORGE A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 26, 1876.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, at half past seven o'clock, P.M.

The Vice-President presided.

All the members present.

On motion of Mr. Plummer the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with, the Board approving them as in print.

Convention to fill vacancy in School Board.

The Chair read a notification from the Board of Aldermen of their concurrence in the proposition to form a convention on this day and at this time, with this Board, for the purpose of filling the vacancy in this committee caused by the resignation of William T. Adams; and the two bodies assembled accordingly; the Mayor in the Chair.

Mr. Fitzgerald, from the Committee on Elections, submitted the names of John W. Porter and Mary J. S. Blake as candidates to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Wm. T. Adams.

The Chair appointed Alderman Stebbins and Messrs. Fletcher and Winship, a committee to collect, sort, and count the ballots.

The Board proceeded to ballot. The committee reported the following as the result: —

Whole number of ballots, 31.

Necessary for a choice, under the statute, 19. John W. Porter had 21, Mary J. S. Blake had 10.

John W. Porter elected.

John W. Porter was accordingly declared to be elected a member of the School Committee for the remainder of this municipal year.

The business of the convention having been accomplished, the two Boards separated, and the convention was dissolved.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations on probation: —

Nomination of teachers.

Lincoln School. — Fanny G. Patten, fourth assistant, to commence Sept. 1, 1876.

Wells School. — Mary F. Gargan, fourth assistant, to commence Sept. 1, 1876.

The report was accepted.

Resignation of teacher.

Mr. Finney, from the Second Division Committee, presented the resignation of Kate E. McGowan, second assistant in the Warren School, to take effect October 1, 1876.

The resignation was accepted.

Mr. Finney, from the same committee, reported the following transfers of teachers in the Warren School: —

Transfer of teachers.

Francis L. Dodge from second assistant to third assistant.

Abby C. Lewis, from third assistant to second assistant.

Annie D. Dalton, from third assistant to second assistant.

Said transfers to take effect Oct. 1, 1876.

The report was accepted and the transfers confirmed.

Mr. Flint, from the Committee on High Schools, offered the following order: —

Latin School; room for gymnastics.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to take immediate steps to provide a room for the classes in gymnastics in the Latin School.

The order was referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

Mr. Fletcher, from the First Division Committee, offered an order for the transfer of Elenette Pillsbury from the position of third assistant in the Emerson School, to that of second assistant, made vacant by the death of Sarah T. Litchfield; the transfer to date from Sept. 4, 1876. Transfer of teachers.

Passed.

Mr. Blakemore, from the Eighth Division Committee, presented the resignations of Minna Marden, third assistant in the Central Grammar School, and Sarah E. Colburn, fourth assistant in the Mount Vernon District, both to take effect Sept. 1, 1876. Resignation of teachers.

The resignations were accepted.

Mr. Hutchins, from the Committee on the Rice Training School, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That Lucius A. Wheelock, master of the Rice Training School, be granted leave of absence until the first of March, 1877. Lucius A. Wheelock; leave of absence.

Passed.

Mr. Merrill, from the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred an order for the payment, to Charles B. Travis, of the maximum salary of master in the English High School, reported that in consideration of seven years of acceptable service as sub-master in that school the order ought to pass. Report of Committee on Salaries; maximum salary of Charles B. Travis.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Merrill, from the same committee, to whom were referred orders relative to paying the maximum salaries of third assistant in the Central School, and fourth assistant in the Mount Vernon School, to Emily A. Hanna and Ada F. Adams, respectively, reported that the orders ought to pass. Maximum salary to Emily A. Hanna and Ada F. Adams.

The report was accepted, and the orders passed.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following order: —

Evening Schools; session of.

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to suspend the sessions of any evening schools at such times as the committee may deem proper.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Finney, from the same committee, offered the following: —

Evening Schools; assistants in.

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to employ, for the term of 1876–77, such assistants in evening schools as they may deem qualified, subject to the approval of the Board; preference being given to those who were in the employ of the city in that capacity previous to January, 1876, and to graduates of the Normal School.

Board, 13 to 8, refused to suspend the rules to consider the order.

Special assignment postponed.

The hour for the consideration of the business specially assigned for eight o'clock having arrived, Mr. Chapin's motion, for its postponement until a quarter after eight o'clock, was adopted.

Nominations on committees.

The Chair nominated Godfrey Morse to serve on the Committee on High Schools, and John W. Porter to serve on the Committee on Nominations, and on the Ninth Division Committee, in place of Wm. T. Adams, resigned.

The nominations were approved.

Report of Com. on petitions of C. E. Swett and others.

Mr. Thayer, from the Special Committee to whom the petitions of Charles E. Swett, and others in aid of the same, were referred, reported, that having given the parties a long and patient hearing, the committee considered, that in the testimony presented to them, there was nothing which was a proper subject of jurisdiction

by this Board, and that the discharge of Mr. Swett was due only to causes involving the harmony of the school.

The report was accepted.

Report of Com. on School Houses; changes in Chapman School.

Mr. Chapin, from the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred the order of June 13th, concerning the proposed change in the Chapman School yard, reported that the committee deemed it expedient that the order should pass, and offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the water-closets on the girls' side of the Chapman School yard to be removed to the basement of said school building, and the division fence to be so arranged as to equalize the room of the yard for play.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Separate schools for the sexes.

Mr. Chapin, from the same committee, having under consideration the re-arrangement of school districts so as to provide separate schools for the sexes, referred the order back to the Board, stating that they lacked sufficient authority to comply with its requirements.

The report was accepted, and the committee excused from further consideration of the subject.

Francis-street school.

Mr. Chapin, from the same committee, reported, that having complied with the order referred to them, concerning the fitting up of a room in the Francis-street building, the committee ask to be relieved from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted.

Report of the Com. on Truant Officers.

Mr. Fitzgerald, from the Committee on Truant Officers, in accordance with the requirements of the Rules and Regulations, submitted a report of the work of the truant force during the past year.

The whole number of cases complained of as habitual truants, 128; as absentees, 50; neglected children, 52; for other offences, 18. Of these cases the number put

on probation was 63. Sentenced to the House of Reformation, 127; Almshouse School, 52; State Reform School, 2; Industrial School for Girls, 3.

The committee reported that they believed the work efficiently and judiciously performed.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Fitzgerald, from the Fourth Division Committee, offered the following order: —

Transfer of Quincy E. Dickerman.

Ordered, That Quincy E. Dickerman, at present usher in the Phillips School, be transferred to the Brimmer School District, with the rank of sub-master. Term of service to begin Oct. 1, 1876.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, the special assignment was further postponed to half-past eight o'clock.

Mr. Fitzgerald, from the Fourth Division Committee, presented the following orders: —

Salary of Harriet D. Hinckley.

(1) *Ordered*, That Harriet D. Hinckley, in charge of the Newbury-street School District, receive the pay of first assistant.

Salary of Eva D. Kellogg.

(2) *Ordered*, That Eva D. Kellogg, fourth assistant in the Newbury-street School, in consideration of her previous services in the schools of the city, receive the maximum salary, said salary being the amount which she received when formerly in its service; such salary to date from her nomination.

Newbury-street School; additional teacher.

(3) *Ordered*, That an additional teacher be allowed in the Primary Department of the Newbury-street School.

Orders 1 and 2 were referred to the Committee on Salaries. The third order was passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Finney, from the Second Division Committee, offered the following order: —

Maximum

Ordered, That the maximum salary be paid to all

reappointed teachers who were dropped at the last annual election. Salary to all reappointed teachers.

The order was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That a certificate of service of the fourth grade be granted to N. M. O'Connor, a graduate of the Normal School in 1872. Certificate of service to N. M. O'Connor.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Adams, from the Sixth Division Committee, reported the following transfers, to take effect Sept. 1st, 1876: —

Gaston School. — Sarah C. Winn, third assistant, to be second assistant, in place of Miss Alexander, resigned. Transfer of teachers.

Lincoln School. — Margaret J. Stewart, second assistant, to be first assistant, in place of Henry L. Clapp, transferred; M. E. Balch, third assistant, to be second assistant, in place of Margaret J. Stewart, promoted.

The report was accepted and the transfers confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the special assignment was delayed until a quarter of nine o'clock. Special assignment postponed.

Mr. Winship, from the Committee on Sewing, in compliance with a vote of the Board (June 30), furnished the following list of sewing teachers, with their locations. Sewing teachers, list of.

The list was accepted.

List of Sewing Teachers.

Allston. — Mrs. Sarah A. Stall.
Andrew. — Miss Lizzie Kenna.
Bennett. — Mrs. Sarah A. Stall.
Bowditch. — Mrs. Eliza A. Baxter.
Bowdoin. — Mrs. Elizabeth D. Cutter.
Bunker Hill. — Mrs. Julia A. Skilton.
Chapman. — Mrs. Susan Cousens.

Comins. — Miss Delia Mansfield.
Dearborn. — Mrs. Catharine G. Hosmer.
Dudley (girls). — Mrs. Emma C. Waterhouse.
Emerson. — Mrs. Susan Cousens.
Everett. — Mrs. Martha A. Sargent.
Dor. Everett. — Mrs. Sophia M. Ryder.
Florence. — Miss Julia Z. Ridgway.
Franklin. — Miss Catherine E. Bigelow.
Frothingham. — Mrs. E. A. Boyd.
Gaston. — Miss Margaret Reid.
Gibson. — Miss Catherine C. Nelson.
Hancock. — Mrs. Kate Doherty.
Harris. — Mrs. Sophia M. Ryder.
Harvard. — Mrs. E. A. Boyd.
Hillside. — Miss Nellie J. Lincoln.
Lewis. — Miss Malvina L. Sears.
Lowell. — Miss Annie S. Brazier.
Lyman. — Mrs. Frances C. Close.
Mather. — Mrs. Sophia M. Ryder.
Minot. — Mrs. Sophia M. Ryder.
Mt. Vernon. — Miss Julia Z. Ridgway.
Norcross. — Mrs. Sarah J. Bliss.
Prescott. — Mrs. E. A. Boyd.
" — Mrs. Julia A. Skilton.
Sherwin. — Miss Maria L. Young.
Shurtleff. — Mrs. Eliza M. Cleary.
Stoughton. — Miss Catherine C. Nelson.
Tileston. — Miss Catherine C. Nelson.
Warren. — Mrs. Julia A. Skilton.
Wells. — Mrs. Frances E. Stevens.
Winthrop. — Miss Isabella Cumming.

Report of the Com. on Sewing.

Mr. Winship, from the Committee on Sewing, in accordance with the requirements of the rules of the

School Board, submitted a report of the Sewing Committee.

The report was accepted, and, on motion of Mr. Fletcher, ordered to be printed.

Mr. Winship, from the same committee, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That Lizzie Robbins receive the appointment of sewing teacher in the Adams School; term of service to commence Oct. 1, 1876.

Adams School; Miss Lizzie Robbins appointed as sewing teacher.

The order was passed.

The Chair then read the following communication from Miss May: —

Third Division Com., Miss May excused.

To the President of the School Committee: —

DEAR SIR, — I ask to be excused from further service upon the Committee of Division 3.

Respectfully yours,

ABBY W. MAY.

Sept. 26, 1876.

The request was granted, and the Chair nominated Mr. Porter to fill the vacancy.

Nomination on committee.

The nomination was approved.

Miss Hale, from the Committee on Kindergarten Schools, offered a report of the same, which was accepted; and, on motion of Mr. Thayer, ordered to be printed.

Report of the Com. on Kindergarten Schools.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on ~~Evening Schools~~, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors, as requested by the Committee on Evening Schools, hold an examination of candidates for certificates of Special Grade, and that members of the School Committee be requested to add to the list of candidates proposed.

Examination of candidates for special grade.

Passed.

Mr. Thayer, for the same committee, offered the following order: —

Certificates of service to assistants in Evening Schools.

Ordered, That certificates of service, entitling them to be employed for the term of 1876–77, be granted to assistants in the Evening Schools who were in service on the tenth of January, 1876, when recommended by the Committee on Evening Schools, and approved by the Committee on Examinations.

The order was passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Plummer, from the Second Division Committee, offered the following order, which was referred to the Committee on Examinations: —

Certificate of service to Mary Lowe.

Ordered, That a certificate of service of the fourth grade be granted to Mary Lowe, in consideration of three years' service as a temporary teacher in the Adams School.

Resignation of a teacher.

Mr. Perkins, from the Committee of the Third Division, presented the resignation of Laura M. Porter, second assistant in the Phillips School, the same to take effect Oct. 1, 1876.

The resignation was accepted.

Mr. Hutchins offered the following order: —

James Robinson appointed an assistant teacher.

Ordered, That James Robinson be appointed an assistant teacher for the present school year, to perform such services and give such instruction in arithmetic and book-keeping as he may be called upon to perform by the chairman of any of our committees, his salary to be the same as for the past year.

Mr. Godfrey Morse called for the yeas and nays.

Lost.

The order was passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Special assignment postponed.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the special assignment was postponed for five minutes.

Mr. Finney offered the following order in relation to the Charlestown Free School Fund: —

Whereas, The act to unite the City of Charlestown to the City of Boston, being chapter 286 of the Acts of the year 1873, provided, among other things, that the members of the School Committee within the limits of Charlestown, as then defined, should be trustees of the Charlestown Free Schools Fund; and

Charlestown Free School, Fund.

Whereas, Under the provisions of the act to reorganize the School Committee of the City of Boston, being chapter 240 of the Acts of the year 1875, it is possible that the corporation for the care and management of said trust may cease to exist; it is therefore hereby

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the Legislature, at its next session, for the passage of an act making the School Committee of the City of Boston, as at present constituted, Trustees of the Charlestown Free Schools Fund, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties and liabilities, set forth in an act of the Legislature passed in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An Act to incorporate certain persons by the name of the Trustees of the Charlestown Free Schools," and all acts in addition thereto.

The order passed.

The Chair read the following communication from the Superintendent of Schools: —

Office of Supt. of Schools; clerical assistance.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

Boston, Sept. 26, 1876.

To the President of the School Board: —

DEAR SIR, — I desire to call the attention of the Board to the fact that no provision has been made for clerical work in this office, and that, owing to the want of such provision, the statistics for my semi-annual report, which the regulations require to be presented at the present meeting, have not been prepared.

Very respectfully yours,

JOHN D. PHILBRICK,
Superintendent of Schools.

Hon. SAM'L C. COBB, *Mayor.*

The communication was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Finney offered the following order: —

Rules and Regulations, amendment postponed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to consider the subject of revising the rules, in order that there may be a uniformity of system in the provisions of various sections relating to blanks, returns and statistics.

Passed.

Mr. Blakemore offered the following order: —

Supt. of Schools to investigate all matters relating to school-houses.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider the expediency of providing that the Superintendent of Schools investigate all matters relating to the sites, building and furnishing of school-houses.

That his opinion be given in writing before any definite action is taken by the School Committee.

The order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Report of Com. on Salaries; special assignment.

The time having arrived for the special assignment, the consideration of the majority and minority reports on salaries, Mr. Hayes moved to substitute the minority report for the majority report.

Mr. Merrill moved to amend the minority report, so that it shall read as follows: —

Salaries of teachers.

Ordered, That the salaries of the teachers for the school-year 1876, 77, be the same as those that were established for the year 1875, 76; — the teachers to be paid the salaries arranged according to the grades established by the Rules and Regulations, with the following exceptions: —

Salary of principal of School for Deaf Mutes.

1. That the salary of the principal of the School for Deaf Mutes be fixed at $1,500 per annum.

The salary of Sarah J. Baker.

2. That the salary of Miss Sarah J. Baker be fixed at $2,000 per annum.

3. That in all Grammar Schools in which two first assistants are employed, the salary of the one not holding the position heretofore known as master's assistant be fixed at the rate of $1,000 per annum.

Salary of first assistants in Grammar Schools.

4. That the salary of the assistant in the Normal School be at the rate of $1,500 per annum.

Salary of the assistant in Normal School.

On motion of Miss Hale, the exceptions were presented for separate consideration.

Exception 1 was passed.

Miss May moved to amend exception 2, by substituting $2,800 for $2,000.

The motion was lost.

Exception 2 passed.

Exception 3 passed.

Exception 4 passed.

Miss Hale moved to amend by adding, as Exception 5, Order No. XI. of the majority report.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Blakemore moved an amendment to be added as Exception 5, to read as follows: —

"That ushers elected as principals of districts, whose average whole number of pupils in the Grammar Department exceeds one hundred pupils, receive four hundred dollars per annum, in addition to the regular salary of ushers.

Salary of ushers, also principals of districts.

The motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Blakemore, the previous question was ordered.

Mr. Merrill's motion to amend the minority report prevailed.

The minority, as amended, was then substituted for the majority report.

On motion of Mr. Moran, it was voted to take the yeas and nays upon the final passage of the order.

Yeas and nays on salaries of teachers.

The order, fixing the salaries for the present school year, passed, 14 to 5.

Yeas. — Messrs. Adams, Blake, Blakemore, Fitzgerald, Hayes, Hutchins, Merrill, Godfrey Morse, James Morse, Palmer and Thayer, and Misses Hale, May, and Peabody.

Nays. — Messrs. Chapin, Finney, Fletcher, Moran and Plummer.

Mr. Merrill, from the committee having under consideration the duties and salaries of janitors, requested further time for deliberation, and asked the passage of the following order: —

Salaries of janitors.

Ordered, That the salaries of the janitors of the Public Schools continue, for the present, at the rates established by the City Council.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Merrill offered the following orders, all of which were passed: —

Salaries of supervisors and officers of the School Board.

Ordered, That the salaries of the supervisors and officers of the School Board be the same as for the past year, until otherwise ordered.

Appropriations for assistance in Secretary and Auditing Clerk's department.

Ordered, That the sum of $7,520 be allowed for assistance in the Secretary and Auditing Clerk's department, until otherwise ordered.

Salaries of assistant in Secretary and Auditing Clerk's department.

Ordered, That the salaries of assistants in the Secretary and Auditing Clerk's department be fixed at the following rates, until otherwise ordered: Two at $1,800, one at $1,200, one at $1,100, one at $900, and one at $720 per annum.

Salaries of teachers for September, 1876.

Ordered, That the salaries of the teachers of the Public Schools for the month of September, 1876, be made up at the old rates, in accordance with the grades established by the School Committee.

Mr. James Morse moved that the Board now adjourn.

The motion prevailed, and at twenty-five minutes of eleven o'clock, the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, Oct. 10th, at half-past seven o'clock.

Attest:

GEORGE A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 10, 1876.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

The Vice-President presided.

All the members were present except the President and Messrs. Hayes and Merrill.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with, the Board approving them as in print.

Dr. Palmer presented the credentials of John W. Porter as a member elect of the School Committee, as follows: — Credentials of John W. Porter.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, Sept. 26, 1876.

JOHN W. PORTER: —

SIR, — I have the honor to inform you that, at a meeting of the School Committee and Board of Aldermen of this city, in convention assembled, you were this day duly elected a member of said School Committee, for the remainder of this municipal year, in place of William T. Adams, resigned.

S. F. McCLEARY,
City Clerk.

The credentials were referred to the Committee on Elections, who subsequently reported the same as correct, and the gentleman appeared and took his seat. Report of Com. on Elections.

The Chair then read the following communication: —

Oct. 10, 1876.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE: —

DEAR SIR, — I respectfully ask to be relieved from service as a member of the Committee on Evening Schools. Resignation of Wm. H. Finney on Com. on Evening Schools.

WM. H. FINNEY.

The request was granted.

The Chair then made the following appointments: —

Nominations on Committees.

Mr. Fletcher, chairman of the Committee on Evening Schools; Mr. Porter, a member of the Committee on Evening Schools, of the Teachers' Fund Committee, and of the Committee on the Sixth Division; Messrs. Flint, Blakemore and Blake as the committee to prepare the Annual Report. Mr. Flint asked to be excused.

Com. on Annual Report.

The request was granted, and the other nominations approved.

Resignation of teachers.

Miss Peabody, from the Seventh Division Committee, presented the resignation of Mary A. Adams, second assistant in the Dearborn School, to take effect Oct. 1, 1876.

The resignation was accepted.

Nomination of teachers.

Mr. Fitzgerald, from the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations on probation: —

Everett School. — S. Flora Chandler, first assistant, to commence September 18, 1876.

Everett School. — Janet M. Bullard, second first assistant, to commence September 18, 1876.

Dearborn School. — Helen F. Brigham, second assistant, to commence October 2, 1876.

Warren School. — Annie M. Crozier, third assistant, to commence October 2, 1876.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Finney, from the same committee, reported the following nominations on probation: —

Comins School. — Amelia F. Boston, third assistant, to commence September 1, 1876.

Charlestown High School. — Adelaide E. Somes, third assistant, to commence September 1, 1876.

Mary A. Wilcox, fourth assistant, to commence September 18, 1876.

Emma S. Gale, fourth assistant, to commence Sept. 11, 1876.

Sarah Shaw, fourth assistant, to commence Sept. 11, 1876.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Evening Schools, reported the following: —

The Committee on Evening Schools nominate the candidates named below for the school, and with the rank set against each; term of service beginning October 2d, 1876.

Evening Schools; nomination of teachers.

Evening High School. — R. P. Owen, principal; T. M. Babson, T. Dean, W. S. Hutchinson, J. W. Keene, C. Jonsen, W. H. Knight, W. H. Moriarty, L. H. Parkhurst, Charles E. Stetson, Arthur B. Morong, M. E. Josselyn, assistants.

East Boston. — Charles S. Moore, principal; Emma L. Reynolds, Sarah A. Bond, Josephine F. Russell, Sarah A. Overend, Nellie B. Tucker, Elma Kenney, Addie F. Barnes, M. S. Lowe, assistants.

Charlestown, Warren School-house. — F. V. Keyes, principal; Cora A. Wiley, Emma C. Olmstead, Mary L. Caswell, assistants.

Charlestown, Prescott School-house. — S. S. Coats, principal; Geo. G. Pratt, Mary E. Delaney, Abby S. Hapgood, S. Maria Elliott, assistants.

North Bennet Street. — Salem D. Charles, principal; Emma S. Fiske, Alicia Collison, Marcella E. Donegan, H. T. O'Dowd, Francis E. Leahy, Mary Ruxton, Kate Gillespie, Rose Hagan, Mary E. Towle, M. F. Ward, A. C. Hitchcock, assistants.

Anderson Street. — C. A. Caverly, principal; C. A. Lobdell, Sarah E. Malehan, C. G. Fisher, Ella G. Hall, Julia T. Jellison, Elizabeth N. Smith, assistants.

Blossom Street. — Henry A. Parker, principal; Kate

Wilson, H. L. Richards, Fanny M. Wilson, Ella E. Morrill; Ida A. Merriam, Ella M. Hadley, Annie M. Davis, assistants.

Warrenton Street.— W. G. Babcock, principal; J. L. Emmons, A. Nichols, J. T. Vose, S. Welch, assistants.

Hudson Street. — G. A. T. Lincoln, principal; W. A. Walker, E. M. O'Connor, J. F. Sweeney, M. E. Sanford, A. J. Whelton, L. E. Mahoney, Jennie Carney, Mary Carney, L. H. Hinckley, C. B. Flagg, M. Walton, assistants.

Old Franklin School. — C. K. Cutter, principal; L. H. Soule, L. A. Phelps, E. Cutter, M. E. Collins, E. J. Mahone, E. O'Connel, Minnie Colburn, J. F. Taylor, Fanny L. O'Connell, M. Lizzie Bryant, A. C. Phelan, A. M. Mitchell, assistants.

Lincoln School, South Boston. — George J. Tufts, principal; Mary B. Powers, Claudine E. Cherrington, R. S. Barham, N. S. French, E. Hutchins, J. A. Powers, E. F. Lanning, M. G. Lanning, Arthur P. French, assistants.

Broadway, South Boston. — J. C. Coombs, principal; W. H. Martin, W. F. E. Blake, Emma Bradeen, Sarah O'Neil, J. Mullaly, K. E. Fitzgerald, Clara Booth, Mary E. Collins, Maria Nelson, Minnie L. F. Shine, Mary C. Turner, Emma Crane, Hannah M'Glinchy, assistants.

Cabot Street. — F. L. Washburn, principal; M. A. Murphy, M. T. Cunningham, F. T. Kelley, J. J. Fox, M. A. Grady, Mary E. Deane, Sarah E. Deane, M. E. Watson, A. E. Batchelder, M. L. Williams, S. Williams, C. B. Moore, R. A. Lawrence, E. Howard, A. B. M'Clure, N. L. Marsh, Anna M'Donald, T. MacIver, assistants.

Eustis Street. — Alfred Bunker, principal; E. J. Vose, M. A. Conley, F. W. Gill, A. S. Oliver, M. L. Nawn, Rebecca Coulter, assistants.

Dorchester. — G. H. Marshall, principal; M. Ella

Mann, Nellie A. Brown, E. A. Bulman, Anna S. Dodge, Lizzie F. Walker, Thomas F. Shaughnessy, Susie Knott, assistants.

Jamaica Plain. — J. M. Hodgate, principal; Sarah L. D. Somers, Annie L. Newcomb, Mary E. Stevens, assistants.

Neponset. — H. S. Kilby, principal; Mary E. Guild, Adelaide Pillsbury, Clara W. Moseley, assistants.

The report was accepted.

Kindergarten School; additional teacher.

Miss Hale, from the Committee on Kindergarten Schools, in consideration of the large number of children desiring admission to the Kindergarten School, in Somerset street, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That additional seats be placed in the present school-room, and an assistant be appointed, at a salary of four hundred dollars.

The Board voted to refer that part of the order concerning the appointment of a teacher, to the Committee on Rules and Regulations; and the consideration of the salary of the same, to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Examinations, offered the following order: —

Rules and Regulations; amendment proposed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to consider the expediency of amending Section 87 of the Rules and Regulations, so as to remove ambiguity concerning the nature of the examination by the Board of Supervisors therein provided for.

Passed.

Certificate of service to Mary Lowe.

Mr. Thayer, from the same committee to whom was referred an order that a fourth-grade certificate be granted to Mary Lowe in consideration of three years' service as a temporary teacher in the Adams School, reported that the committee consider that a Provisory certificate should be granted.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Flint, from the Committee on High Schools, offered the following order, which was passed under a suspension of the rules: —

Usher in Charlestown High School.

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to nominate an usher as a special teacher of physics and natural sciences in the Charlestown High Schools.

Mr. Flint, from the same committee, offered the following: —

Latin School; text-books in.

Ordered, That the following text-books be authorized for the use of the Latin School: Bulfinch's Age of Fable; Smith's Smaller History of Greece, and such books as are mentioned in the course of study for that school.

Passed.

Mr. Hutchins, from the Fifth Division Committee, presented the following resignations: —

Resignation of teachers.

Everett School. — Margaret E. Johnson, first assistant, to take effect Oct. 15, 1876.

Louise M. Alline, third assistant, to take effect Oct. 1, 1876.

The resignations were accepted.

Eva M. Keller, leave of absence.

Mr. Hutchins, from the same committee, presented a request that, on account of sickness, leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1877, be granted to Eva M. Keller, third assistant in the Everett School.

The request was granted.

Mr. Flint offered the following orders: —

Board of Supervisors to grant special certificates.

1. *Ordered*, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to grant certificates of special service to all present instructors in special studies, and all instructors in special studies who were in the service of the City of Boston, as teachers, on the 10th day of January, 1876.

2. *Ordered*, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to grant certificates of special service to all

regularly confirmed present instructors, as teachers, in Kindergarten Schools, Schools for Deaf Mutes, and Schools for Licensed Minors, and all instructors, as teachers, in those schools, who were in the service of the City of Boston on the 10th day of January, 1876, when regularly confirmed.

Rules and regulations; amendment proposed.

3. *Ordered*, That the paragraph referring to special-grade certificates, section 147, chapter XII., be amended by inserting after the words "Special Grade" "to all instructors in special studies, to all instructors in Kindergarten Schools, Schools for Deaf Mutes, and Schools for Licensed Minors."

Orders 1 and 2 were passed.

Order 3 was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Transfer of teachers.

Miss Peabody, from the Seventh Division Committee, reported the following transfers of teachers on probation, to take effect Oct. 1, 1876: —

Sherwin District. — A. M. Ward, third assistant, to be fourth assistant in the Comins District.

Dudley (girls) School. — Susan R. Gifford, third assistant, to be fourth assistant in the Lewis District.

The report was accepted, and the transfers confirmed.

Mr. Perkins, from the Committee on Drawing, offered the following: —

Nomination of C. T. Adams, teacher of Drawing.

That the nomination of Mr. C. T. Adams, as teacher of Instrumental Drawing in the Free Evening School at Dorchester, be confirmed; term of service to date from October 2d.

The nomination was confirmed.

Communications from Board of Supervisors, and from Chairman of

The Chair read a communication from the Board of Supervisors, relative to the work already done, and the plan of work for the ensuing year. The Chair also read a communication from the Chairman of the Board of Su-

Board of Supervisors.

pervisors, dissenting both as a member of the Board of Supervisors and as Superintendent of the Public Schools from so much of the same as relates to the plan of work for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, both reports were referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hutchins offered the following order, which was passed: —

Rules and Regulations; amendment proposed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to consider the expediency of revising those sections of the Regulations which prescribe the duties of the Superintendent and the Supervisors, so as to more specifically define the duties of each office.

Mr. Blake offered the following: —

Medical Inspector of Schools.

Ordered, That the Board consider the advisability of creating the office of Medical Inspector of Schools, who shall supervise all matters pertaining to their sanitary condition, including measures for the prevention of the dissemination of contagious diseases in them.

The order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, with instructions to give a hearing on the subject.

Emerson School named in honor of Hon. Geo. B. Emerson.

Mr. Fletcher offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Emerson School be so named in honor of the Hon. George B. Emerson; the same to go on record.

After a discussion, the order passed, 10 to 8.

Mr. Flint, from the Committee on High Schools, offered the following order, which was referred to Committee on Accounts, with full powers: —

Brighton High School; chemical apparatus.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to provide such additional furniture in the Brighton High School building as may be needed for

chemical and philosophical experiments, the expense not to exceed three hundred dollars.

Mr. Godfrey Morse offered the following order: —

Ordered, That, until otherwise ordered, the Secretary of this Board be instructed to furnish the City Council with one hundred and seventy-five copies of the Annual Report, in sheets, in order that the same may be bound annually with the city documents.

Copies of Annual Report for City Council.

Passed.

The Chair appointed Mr. Perkins as Chairman of the Committee to prepare the Annual Report.

Com. on Annual Report; Mr. Perkins appointed chairman.

The appointment was approved.

Mr. Fitzgerald offered the following orders, the first of which was referred to the Committee on Examinations, and the second to the Committee on Salaries: —

Ordered, That a certificate of the fourth grade be granted Georgiana M. Putnam, and Sarah Frye, on account of their long term of service as teachers in the schools of the city.

Certificates of fourth grade to Georgiana M. Putnam and Sarah Frye.

Ordered, That the teachers in the mixed schools for boys and girls, who have heretofore received the sum of one thousand dollars per annum, receive the same during the present school-year.

Salary of teachers of second class of boys in mixed schools.

Mr. Plummer offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to report rules and regulations for the government of the janitors of the various schools.

Rules and regulations of janitors.

Passed.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved that the Board now adjourn.

The motion prevailed, and at twenty minutes before nine o'clock, the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, October 24th, at half-past seven o'clock.

Attest;

GEO. A. SMITH,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 24, 1876.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, at half-past seven o'clock P.M.

The Vice-President presided.

All the members were present except the President, Miss Hale, Messrs. Finney, Fletcher and Moran.

On motion of Mr. Plummer the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with, the Board approving them as in print.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Examinations, reported that the order submitted to them for granting a certificate of the fourth grade to Sarah Frye ought to pass. Certificate of fourth grade to Sarah Frye.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Flint, from the Committee on High Schools, to whom was referred a petition of citizens of Dorchester for a continuance of the fourth year in the course of the Dorchester High School, reported that as a full hearing has been given to all who wished to present to the Board their views of a uniform course of study in the High Schools, and as a part of that course has since been adopted by the Board, it is deemed inexpedient to reconsider the subject, and they move that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Dorchester High School; petition regarding.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Flint, from the same committee, offered the following order, which was passed under a suspension of the rules: —

Ordered, That Laura B. White be appointed special teacher of Chemistry, a position she has heretofore held Girls' High School; Laura B.

White appointed special teacher of Chemistry.

in the Girls' High School, with the salary of second assistant; and that Mary E. Scates be promoted to the position of second assistant.

Girls' High school; rank of Mary E. Scates.

Resignation of teachers.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee of the Sixth Division, offered the resignation of Clara C. Prince, third assistant in the Andrew School; the same to take effect September 1, 1876.

The resignation was accepted.

Mr. Adams, from the same committee, offered the following: —

Lawrence school; second assistant in.

Ordered, That the Lawrence School be allowed a second assistant.

The order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Nomination of teachers in Evening Drawing Schools.

Mr. Perkins, from the Drawing Committee, nominated the following-named teachers, in the Free Evening Drawing Schools: —

Principal. — George H. Bartlett.

Acting Principals. — Clarence S. Ward, George Loring, H. N. Mudge, L. M. Hallowell.

Assistants. — George Jepson, George H. Young, J. Anthony, J. L. Frisbee, Leslie Miller, A. Hun Berry, M. J. Greene.

The nominations were approved.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Harriet D. Hinckley.

Mr. Merrill, from the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred an order for the payment of the salary of first assistant to Harriet D. Hinckley, in charge of the Newbury-street School District, reported that the order ought to pass.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved an amendment to establish for the position the rank of first assistant in master's room.

The amendment was adopted, and the order as amended passed to take effect Sept. 1st, 1876.

Maximum salary to

Mr. Merrill, from the same committee, to whom was

referred an order for the payment of the maximum salary to Eva D. Kellogg, in consideration of previous services in the schools, reported that the order ought to pass.

Eva D. Kellogg.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Merrill, from the same Committee, to whom was referred the order of June 28th concerning the salaries of truant officers, reported that a reduction was inadvisable, and offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the salaries of truant officers continue at the same rate as for the last year, until otherwise ordered.

Salaries of truant officers.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Merrill, from the same committee, to whom was referred the order of September 26th concerning the payment of re-appointed teachers who were dropped at the last annual election, recommended the passage of an amended order, as follows: —

Salary of all re-appointed teachers.

Ordered, That all re-appointed teachers, who were dropped at the last annual election, be allowed to recommence service at the salary they would have received had they continued in the service.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Merrill, from the same committee, to whom was referred an order for the continuance of the salary of $1,000 to such teachers in mixed schools as have hitherto received the same, reported that in consideration of the fact that the grades as adopted in the rules and regulations make no special provision for the above positions, the committee respectfully request that the order be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, as in their judgment it requires the establishment of a grade which they are unwilling to necessitate by previous establishment of a salary.

Salary of teachers of second class of boys in mixed schools.

The report was accepted, and the order referred, under

a suspension of the rules, to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Merrill, from the same committee, offered the following report: —

Salaries of teachers of third grade.

The salaries, as passed in the order of September 26th, not being easily adapted to the various positions of the third grade, the Committee on Salaries offer the following: —

Ordered, That the salaries of the assistants of the third grade be fixed as follows: —

Assistant Principal . .	$2,000	per annum.
First Assistant . . .	1,800	"
Second Assistant . .	1,500	"
Third Assistant . .	1,200	"
Fourth Assistant . .	1,000	"
Assistants in Normal School	1,500 each	"

The order was passed.

Mr. Merrill, from the same committee, offered the following order, which was passed: —

Salary of master's assistant, Comins school, in charge of Francis st.

Ordered, That the salary of the master's assistant in the Comins School, in charge of the Francis-street School, be fixed at $1,200 per annum, to take effect Sept. 1st, 1876.

Mr. Flint offered the following order, which was passed, under a suspension of the rules: —

Certificate of first grade to H. W. Warren.

Ordered, That the Supervisors be requested to grant a certificate of the first grade to H. W. Warren, in place of that of third grade, which he now holds.

Miss Peabody, from the Seventh Division Committee, offered the following order, which was referred to the Committee on Salaries: —

Maximum salary to Amelia F. Boston.

Ordered, That Amelia F. Boston, fourth assistant in the Comins District, in consideration of her long term of service, receive the maximum salary of her grade, dating from Sept. 1, 1876.

Mr. Porter, from the Ninth Division Committee, offered the resignation of Ellen H. Bailey, third assistant in the Mather School, the same to take effect Nov. 1, 1876. Resignation of teachers.

The resignation was accepted.

Mr. Fitzgerald offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Examinations consider the expediency of granting a certificate of the fourth grade to C. J. Spaulding, in consideration of her long term of service in the schools of the city. Certificate of fourth grade to C. J. Spaulding.

The order was passed.

Mr. Godfrey Morse offered the following order, which, on motion of Mr. Thayer, was laid on the table by a vote of 12 to 4: — Report from Superintendent of Schools on plan of Supervisors.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Schools be requested to report specifically, in writing, to this Board, at their next meeting, as follows, —

First, wherein the object of Section 138 of the Regulations cannot, by the plan which has been adopted by a majority of the Board of Supervisors, be satisfactorily accomplished.

Second, wherein said plan is not calculated to bring about the reform in the examination of our schools so much needed to secure the requisite uniformity of excellence in instruction.

Third, wherein the Supervisors assume functions which belong to the Superintendent, and which in his judgment were not intended to be exercised by the Supervisors; and,

Fourth, the Superintendent's own plan for carrying out Section 138 of the Regulations.

Mr. Hutchins offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to furnish the School Board the detailed plan for the supervision and examination of schools which is referred Plan of Supervisors.

to on page seven of their recent report; and that the Secretary cause the same to be printed for the use of the Board.

Mr. Godfrey Morse moved that it be laid on the table.

The motion passed.

Mr. Merrill moved that the Board now adjourn.

The motion prevailed, and at fifteen minutes after eight o'clock the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, Nov. 14th, at half-past seven o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, NOV. 14, 1876.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, at half-past seven o'clock P.M.

The Vice-President presided.

All the members were present except the President, and Messrs. Flint and Winship.

On motion of Mr. Godfrey Morse, the Board dispensed with the reading of the records of the last meeting, approving the same as in print.

Miss May moved to take from the table the order granting leave of absence to teachers to visit the Centennial Exposition.

Passed.

Miss May stated that the passage of the order at the present time would be of no avail, and moved that it be rejected.

The order was rejected.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations on probation: — Nominations on probation.

Allston School. — Laura E. Viles, third assistant, to take effect September 4, 1876.

Dorchester Everett School. — Maud M. Clark, third assistant, to take effect September 4, 1876.

Dorchester Everett School. — Annie F. Ordway, fourth assistant, to take effect September 4, 1876.

Mather School. — Mary P. Pronk, fourth assistant, to take effect November 1, 1876.

Andrew School. — Frances M. Bell, third assistant, to take effect September 4, 1876.

Gaston School. — Carrie W. Haydn, fourth assistant, to take effect September 4, 1876.

Gaston School. — Julia A. Evans, fourth assistant, to take effect September 4, 1876.

Everett School. — Emily F. Marshall, fourth assistant, to take effect October 1, 1876.

Exeter Street School. — Adeline S. Tufts, fourth assistant, to take effect September 28, 1876.

Normal School. — L. Theresa Moses, assistant, to take effect November 16, 1876.

The report was accepted.

Confirmation of teachers.

Mr. Finney, from the same committee, reported the following nominations for confirmation, to take effect September 1, 1876: —

Wells School. — Mary F. Gargan, fourth assistant.

Lincoln School. — Fanny G. Patten, fourth assistant.

The report was accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, submitted the following reports upon orders referred to them: —

Intermediate schools; number of pupils to a teacher.

Upon the order of June 20, "that a teacher be allowed in the Intermediate Schools for every forty pupils," they report new drafts of Sections 214 and 216 of the Regulations covering the following amendments, viz.: —

That a teacher be allowed in Intermediate Schools for every thirty-five pupils, provided that no more than one Intermediate School shall be allowed in any district; that such schools shall be for the instruction of children over *eight* years of age; and that any Primary scholar over *ten* years of age, not in the first or second class, may be removed to an Intermediate School by the principal of the District.

Salary of teachers of second class

Upon the order of October 24, concerning "the continuance of the salary of $1,000 to such teachers in

mixed schools as have hitherto received the same," they report that Section 226, Clause 6, be so amended as to allow in mixed schools containing from 600 to 800 pupils, two first assistants and two second assistants; and in schools of over 800 pupils, two first and three second assistants, to take effect September 1, 1876.

of boys in mixed schools.

They remind the Board that under existing orders these newly-elected first assistants will receive but $1,000 salary.

Upon the order of October 24, that "the Lawrence School be allowed a second assistant," they report that the order ought to pass.

Lawrence School; second assistant.

The report was accepted, and the orders passed.

The following are new drafts of the amended sections: —

Sect. 214. Intermediate Schools for the instruction of children over *eight* years of age, not qualified for the Grammar School, may be established in any district in which the course of study shall be the same as in the Primary Schools; and the principal may introduce writing and such other studies as he may deem advisable. Sewing shall be taught in any Intermediate class of girls, under the direction of the Committee on Sewing, if the Division Committee deem it expedient.

Any Primary scholar over *ten* years of age, not in the first or second class, may be removed to an Intermediate School by the principal of the District.

Sect. 216. Fifty-six pupils shall be the standard number for one teacher; but an additional teacher may be nominated, subject to the provision of Section 43, when there is an excess of thirty pupils registered for admission, and one may be removed when there is a deficiency of thirty in the district. The teachers of the Primary Schools shall be designated as fourth assistants.

In Intermediate Schools, one teacher shall be allowed for every thirty-five pupils, provided that there shall be no more than one Intermediate School in the district.

The schools in each district shall be classified under the direction of the principal.

Evening Schools; nomination of teachers.

Mr. Fletcher, from the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated the following-named candidates as assistants in the Evening Schools designated; terms of service to commence October 2, 1876.

East Boston. — Hattie L. Litchfield, H. H. Lennon.

Warrenton Street. — Martha Knight.

Hudson Street. — M. A. McNary, N. B. Walsh.

Old Franklin School. — B. Hinckley.

North Bennett Street. — M. I. Broad.

Cabot Street. — A. McDonough.

Neponset. — W. W. Stratton.

The nominations were approved.

Evening Drawing Schools; Salary of acting Principals.

Mr. Perkins, from the Committee on Drawing, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That acting principals, in the Free Evening Drawing Schools, be paid for their services at the rate of six dollars per night.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Fitzgerald, from the Fourth Division Committee, offered the following orders: —

Adeline S. Tufts; salary of.

Ordered, That Adeline S. Tufts, fourth assistant in the Exeter-street School, receive the maximum salary of teachers of that grade.

Exeter-st. School; additional teacher.

Ordered, That an additional teacher be allowed in the Grammar Department of the Exeter-street School.

The rules were suspended, and the orders passed.

Mr. Perkins, from the Third Division Committee, offered the following order: —

Eliot School;

Ordered, That the appointment of a second usher be

allowed in the Eliot School, and that the rules be suspended that the order may be considered at the present time. second usher.

The rules were suspended, and the order passed.

Mr. Perkins, from the same committee, reported the following transfers of teachers: — Transfers of teachers.

Harriet A. Farrow, fourth assistant, from the Phillips District to the Cushman building, Hancock District.

L. A. Wentworth, from the Phillips District to the Eliot District.

Barbara C. Farrington, Josephine O. Hedrick, Clara J. Reynolds, from the Phillips District to the Bowdoin District.

The report was accepted, and the transfers confirmed.

Miss Peabody, from the Seventh Division Committee, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That Dora A. Pickering, of the Dudley (Girls) School, be raised to the rank of first assistant. Dora A. Pickering; rank of.

The order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Miss May, from the Committee on Industrial Schools, submitted the following report and orders relating to the same. Report of Com. on Industrial Schools.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, the report and orders were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Industrial Schools, for the year 1875, respectfully report that they have considered the subject, and that, in their judgment, the time has fully come for Boston to establish Vacation Schools, for those children who cannot leave the city during the vacation.

It is a well-known fact that hundreds of children spend the long, idle, summer days in our streets, where

temptations to evil are always at hand; and seeds of vice are in that way sown, to bring forth in time the most costly and dangerous fruits. In the words of the report referred to us, we say, with hearty concurrence, it were almost true to say that no expense and no effort could be too great to devote to the safe-keeping of these children in vacation, for whose education such liberal provision is made during the larger part of the year. To such children and to their parents a short daily session of a Vacation School, in which varied exercises should interest but not tax the minds and bodies of the pupils, would be a priceless boon. And the good order of our city would be enhanced, and the moral welfare of our citizens would be made more secure, by the fact that these summer schools would, from year to year, continue and heighten the good influences with which we seek to surround our children in the long winter term.

The other recommendation of the report in question — namely, that industrial training should be a part of the plan for conducting Vacation Schools — is, in our judgment, both wise and important. But we find a legal obstacle in the way which must be removed before action in that direction can be taken by this Board. We offer the following order, designed to meet the legal difficulty: —

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the next Legislature for authority to introduce industrial training into the schools of Boston.

We also submit the following orders, and move their reference to the Committee on Rules and Regulations: —

1. *Ordered*, That Section 2 of the Rules be amended by introducing the words "On Vacation Schools, five," after the words "on Evening Schools, five."

2. *Ordered*, That the following section be added to

Chapter 4, and numbered *54*, the numbers of Sections 54 to 58 inclusive being changed to conform.

The Committee on Vacation Schools shall have the care and management of all schools included in their title; they shall nominate to the Board, at the first meeting in June, or when vacancies occur, the teachers for these schools, and in the month of September shall make a written report of the schools under their charge.

Respectfully submitted, by the committee,

ABBY W. MAY,
Chairman.

Mr. Adams offered the following orders: —

Ordered, That the Lawrence School be allowed an additional intermediate class. Lawrence School; intermediate class.

The order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to issue a duplicate certificate to Maria M. Nelson, a graduate of the Normal School of 1876, to replace a former certificate which was lost. Maria M. Nelson; certificate.

Passed.

Mr. Fletcher, from the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to employ an assistant in the Evening High School, at a salary of one dollar per night. Evening High School; assistant in.

The order was passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Palmer offered the following order: —

Ordered, That Mary C. Edes, a graduate of the State Normal School at Framingham, and a teacher in the service of the city for three years, receive a fourth grade certificate, if found qualified. Mary C. Edes; certificate fourth grade.

The order was referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Mr. Merrill offered the following order: —

Rules and Regulations; amended.

Ordered, That Section 70, Chapter V., of the Rules and Regulations, be amended by inserting after the word "transfers," the words, "as do not advance the rank or salary."

The order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Fletcher, from the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following order: —

Certificates of special grade.

Ordered, That certificates of service of special grade (elementary evening schools) be granted to Henry Johnson, Kate Stickney, L. Fanny Morse in consideration of their service as teachers in the Warrenton-street Evening School.

The order was referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Petition for medal.

The Chair read a petition from Edward D. Harlow, for a Franklin medal, to replace the one received by him at the Phillips School in 1852, and since lost.

The petition was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Hutchins moved to take from the table the request for a detailed plan from the Supervisors.

Lost, 5 to 10.

Miss May offered the following order: —

Leave of absence; rules amended.

Ordered, To amend Section 187, by inserting the following clause after the word "substitute," in the fourth line from the foot of the page: "If leave of absence be granted to the principal or to any other teacher for more than one month, and a substitute be needed, the committee in charge shall nominate such substitute to the Board for confirmation."

The order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Finney moved that the Board now adjourn.

The motion prevailed, and at nine o'clock the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at half-past seven o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, NOV. 28, 1876.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, at half-past seven o'clock.

The Vice-President presided.

The time for which the meeting was called having passed, on motion of Mr. Godfrey Morse the roll was called. Roll call.

Present, Messrs. Blakemore, Chapin, Finney, Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Learnard, Godfrey Morse, Porter and Miss May.

A quorum not being present, Mr. Godfrey Morse moved that the Board adjourn. No quorum.

The motion prevailed, and at five minutes after eight o'clock the Board adjourned, to meet on Tuesday, December 12, at half-past seven o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH.
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 6, 1876.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, at half-past seven P.M.

The Vice-President presided.

Present: The whole Board, except the President, Messrs. Blake, Blakemore, and Hayes.

On motion of Mr. Godfrey Morse, the Board dispensed with the reading of the records of the last two meetings, approving the same as in print.

Mr. Hutchins, from the Fifth Division Committee, reported the following resignations: — Resignation of teachers.

Dwight School. — Julia E. Hodgkins, third assistant, to take effect November 3, 1876.

Franklin District. — Elizabeth G. Forbush, fourth assistant, to take effect December 1, 1876.

Everett District. — Mary W. Emery, fourth assistant, to take effect December 1, 1876.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Perkins, from the Third Division Committee, reported the following resignation: —

Wells School. — Mary T. Locke, third assistant, to take effect December 4, 1876.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Porter, from the Ninth Division Committee, reported the following resignation: —

Minot School. — Jennie M. Seaverns, third assistant, to take effect November 8, 1876.

The report was accepted.

Miss Peabody, from the Seventh Division Committee, reported the following resignation: —

Dearborn District. — M. E. Aldrich, fourth assistant, to take effect December 4, 1876.

The report was accepted.

Nominations on probation.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations on probation: —

Emerson School. — Louise S. Hotchkiss, first assistant, to take effect September 1, 1876.

Central School. — Victoria M. Goss, third assistant, to take effect September 1, 1876.

Wells District. — E. Augusta Brown, fourth assistant, to take effect October 27, 1876.

Everett District. — Evelyn C. Morse, fourth assistant, to take effect December 1, 1876.

Franklin District. — Affie T. Wier, fourth assistant, to take effect December 1, 1876.

Charlestown High School. — H. W. Warren, usher, to take effect October 23, 1876.

Mt. Vernon District. — Adah E. Smith, fourth assistant, to take effect September 4, 1876.

West Roxbury High School. — Louise M. Thurston, fourth assistant, to take effect November 6, 1876.

Dwight School. — Nellie L. Shaw, third assistant, to take effect November 17, 1876.

Lawrence School. — Emma P. Hall, second assistant, to take effect November 15, 1876.

West Roxbury High School. — Annie B. Lord, third assistant, to take effect October 23, 1876.

The report was accepted.

Nomination for confirmation.

Mr. Finney, from the same committee, reported the following nomination for confirmation: —

Allston School. — Laura E. Viles, third assistant.

The report was accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Mr. Fitzgerald offered the following order: —

Ordered, That Adeline S. Tufts, fourth assistant in the Exeter-street school, be paid from the date of her nomination the salary voted her by the Board, November 14th.

Salary of Adeline S. Tufts.

Passed.

Mr. Flint, from the Committee on High Schools, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to furnish the West Roxbury High School with apparatus for light gymnastics, at a cost not exceeding fifty dollars.

West Roxbury High School; apparatus.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Flint, from the same committee, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to provide a set of Kiepert's wall maps of ancient geography, for those High Schools in which Latin is taught.

Girls' High and Brighton High Schools. Kiepert's wall maps.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the order was amended, limiting the maps to the Girls' High and Brighton High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the order as amended, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Examinations, reported in relation to the order for certificates of special grade to Henry Johnson, Kate Stickney, and L. Fanny Morse, — that in consideration of services as teachers in Warrenton-street Evening School, the above parties be granted certificates of Special Grade.

Certificates of special grade to Henry Johnson, Kate Stickney and L. Fanny Morse.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That in order to facilitate the completion of the Rules and Regulations, the Committees of Schools for Special Instruction be requested to report, as soon

Rules and Regulations for special schools.

as practicable, to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, orders establishing rules and regulations for Kindergarten Schools, Schools for Licensed Minors, and Schools for Deaf Mutes.

Passed.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Rules amended.

Ordered, That Section 70, Chapter 5, of the Rules and Regulations, be amended by inserting after the word "transfers" the words, "as do not advance the rank or salary."

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Thayer, from the same committee, reported as follows: —

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; Dora A. Pickering; rank of.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations report in relation to the order for conferring the rank of first assistant on Dora A. Pickering (Girls' Dudley School), that the order ought to pass.

They therefore submit the following orders: —

Rules amended.

Ordered, That Section 226, paragraph 6, of the Rules and Regulations, be so amended as to allow, in Girls' Schools of from 250 to 350 pupils, one first assistant and one second assistant.

Ordered, That Dora A. Pickering of the Dudley (girls') School be raised to the rank of first assistant, the same to take effect Sept. 1, 1876.

The report was accepted, and the orders were passed.

Lawrence School; intermediate class.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations report on the order that an additional intermediate class be allowed in the Lawrence District,— that, after conferring with the master of the district, and carefully considering the subject, they judge the passage of the order to be inexpedient.

The report was accepted.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations report on the request for an additional assistant in the Kindergarten School, that the following order ought to pass: —

Kindergarten School; additional assistant.

Ordered, That an additional assistant be allowed in Kindergarten Schools when the number of pupils exceeds by twelve the standard number, twenty-four.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations respectfully report on the order referred to them October 10th, proposing an amendment to the paragraph referring to special grade certificates, that an order, as follows, ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the paragraph referring to special grade certificates, Section 147, Chapter XII., be amended to read as follows: —

Rules amended.

"Special Grade, to all instructors in special studies, to all instructors in Kindergarten Schools, schools for deaf-mutes, schools for licensed minors, and to all male instructors in the evening schools. Certificates of the third, fourth and fifth grades shall be granted to women only, and such certificates shall entitle the holders thereof to be employed in the evening schools."

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Thayer, from the same committee, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That, in order to facilitate the completion of the Rules and Regulations, the Committee on School-houses be requested to report, as soon as practicable, to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, a schedule of district lines for the various school districts.

School Districts; boundary lines.

Passed.

Mr. Thayer, from the same committee, submitted the following report; —

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom the following order was referred, report that the order ought to pass: —

Leave of absence; amendment to rules proposed.

Ordered, To amend Section 187 by inserting the following clause after the word "substitute," in the fourth line from the foot of the page, "If leave of absence be granted to the principal, or to any other teacher, for more than one month, and a substitute be needed, the committee in charge shall report the vacancy to the Board, and shall nominate the substitute for confirmation."

On motion of Mr. Godfrey Morse, the word "approval" was substituted for "confirmation."

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, the words, "or if a temporary teacher be needed," were inserted after the word "needed" in the order.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the order was recommitted.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, reported as follows: —

A. Prince; communication from.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations submit the following report upon the order of January 25, referring to them the communication of A. Prince, in relation to attendance of children of Jews at school on the Jewish Sabbath: —

It was the earnest desire of the committee to promote any changes in the school regulations which might be called for to guard the rights of conscience of citizens; but in the hearing given to the petitioner it did not appear that the existing regulations were deemed oppressive by the larger proportion of Jewish citizens; while in the few schools containing Jewish children certain changes had been made in the course of Saturday

morning lessons which relieved such pupils from the kinds of work which were counted a violation of Sabbath duty. On the other hand, the abolition of the Saturday session would take away two of the most useful hours of the school week; and with all the time now allotted to instruction, it is none too easy to complete the required programme.

The committee, upon these and other considerations, report that it is inexpedient to make the changes asked for, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

For the Committee,

GEORGE A. THAYER,

Chairman.

Read, and on motion of Mr. Godfrey Morse, referred to the next School Board.

Mr. Fletcher, of the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That holders of Provisory Certificates be eligible as candidates for teachers in Evening Schools, for the school year of 1876 and '77.

Holders of Provisory Certificates to teach in Evening Schools.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Fletcher, from the same committee, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That M. E. Josselyn, assistant in the Evening High School, be paid, from the date of her nomination, the salary voted her by the Board, November 14th.

Salary of M. E. Josselyn; Evening High School.

Passed.

Subsequent to an explanation from Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, to the effect that the nomination of Persis E. King was made under a misapprehension, Mr. Merrill, from the Fifth Division Committee, offered the following order: —

Persis E. King; nomination of.

Ordered, That the provisions of an order passed May

9, 1876 (page 93, printed Minutes), relating to the nomination on probation of persons who hold provisory certificates, apply to Persis E. King, at present employed in the Everett School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Merrill, from the same committee, offered the following order: —

Sherwin District; Primary school-houses in.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be instructed to urge upon the City Council the immediate necessity of attention to the order of this Board, passed February 8th, in regard to Primary School-houses in the Sherwin District.

Passed.

Mr. Adams, from the Ninth Division Committee, offered the following order: —

Dor.-Everett School; additional land.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase additional land on the northeasterly side of the lot on which they are now building a school-house for the Dorchester-Everett school.

Read and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Chapin, from the Committee on School Houses, reported as follows: —

Reports of Committee on School Houses; district lines in Ward 23.

The Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred the order (page 180, Minutes) requesting them to fix and report the district lines of the Grammar School Districts in Ward 23, respectfully report that they have considered the matter, and recommend that the district lines of that section be hereafter as follows: —

Charles Sumner School District. — Beginning at the junction of Walk-Hill street and Washington street; thence through the centre of Walk-Hill street to the old Dorchester line; thence by centre of Back to Ashland street; thence by the centre of Ashland street to Hyde Park boundary line; thence by said line to its junction

with Poplar street; thence in a northwesterly direction to the junction of High and Washington streets; thence by a line in a northerly direction to the junction of Church and Centre streets; thence by centre of Church street to Brookline line; thence by said line to Allandale street; thence by centre of Allandale to Centre street; thence by centres of Centre, Walter, Bussey and South streets, to Dedham Branch Railroad; thence by said railroad to its junction with the Boston and Providence Railroad on Washington street; thence by centre of Washington street to the point of beginning.

Hillside and Central School Districts. — Beginning at the junction of Centre and Boylston streets; thence by centres of Boylston street, Boylston avenue, School and Washington streets, Egleston square, Walnut avenue, Seaver street, Blue-Hill avenue, Back, Walk-hill and Washington streets, to junction of Boston and Providence Railroad; thence by said railroad to Dedham Branch Railroad; thence by Dedham Branch Railroad to South street; thence by the centres of South, Bussey, Walter, Centre and Allandale streets to Brookline line; thence by said line to Willow Pond; thence by a line from the northern point of Willow Pond to the point of beginning.

Mt. Vernon School District. — Beginning at the junction of Poplar street with Hyde Park boundary line; thence in a northwesterly direction to the junction of High with Washington street; thence in a northerly direction to the junction of Church with Centre street; thence by centre of Church street to Brookline line; thence by Brookline line and Newton line to Charles river; thence by Charles river to Dedham line; thence by Dedham line to Hyde Park line; thence by Hyde Park line to the point of beginning.

The report was accepted, and the district lines were fixed in accordance with the recommendation of the committee.

The Committee on School Houses, who were requested to report on the recommendations of Division Committees for changing the seats in school-rooms so as to admit the light from the left of the scholars (page 53, Minutes), report that they have received recommendations from only four of the Division Committees. The Chairman, however, has conferred with the Superintendent of Public Buildings, who will, as opportunities offer, so arrange the seats in the school-rooms as to secure the desired direction of light.

The report was accepted.

District lines in Charlestown.

The Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred the order (page 189, Minutes) requesting them to consider the expediency of revising the districts of the Grammar Schools in Charlestown, have considered the subject, and respectfully report that, in their opinion, it is inexpedient to recommend a change.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the order was recommitted that the committee might report the district lines of Charlestown.

Communication from Inspector of Buildings.

The Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred the communication from the Inspector of Public Buildings (page 155, Minutes), respectfully report that the provisions of the Act, accompanying the communication, have been complied with, so far as is known to this committee, and, in the opinion of the committee, no further report is necessary.

The report was accepted.

Report of Committee on Accounts; pe-

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Accounts, reported in relation to a petition from E. D. Harlow, for a Franklin Medal to replace one received by him in 1852

and since lost, that he be furnished with the same upon the payment of contingent expenses.

tion of E. D. Harlow, for medal.

The report was accepted, and the petition granted.

Mr. Winship, from the Committee on Sewing, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That Catherine C. Nelson and Elizabeth D. Cutter, nominated on probation as teachers in Sewing, June 27, be regularly confirmed.

Teachers of sewing confirmed.

Passed.

Miss May, from the Committee on Industrial Schools, submitted the following additional report with a request that it be printed.

Committee on Industrial Schools; additional report.

The Committee on Industrial Schools ask leave to make a report supplementary to the one presented by them to the board on November 13th.

Further investigation shows that the present law is sufficient to authorize the establishment of such schools as are recommended in our former report. It is as follows: —

"*Chapter 86.* The City Council of any city and any town may establish and maintain one or more Industrial Schools, and raise and appropriate the money necessary to render them efficient. Such schools shall be under the superintendence of the Board of School Committee of the city or town wherein they are established, and such board shall employ the teachers, prescribe the arts, trades, and occupations to be taught in such schools, and shall have the general control and management thereof; *provided*, that in no case shall the expense of any such school exceed the appropriation specifically made therefor; and *provided*, that nothing in this act contained shall authorize the school committee of any city or town to compel any scholar to study any trade, art, or occupation without the consent of the parent or

guardian of such scholar; and that attendance upon such school shall not take the place of the attendance upon public schools required by law. Approved November 9, 1872."

We, therefore, withdraw our recommendation of a petition to the Legislature, and would offer the following order for the action of the Board: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide means for establishing two Vacation Schools, one for boys and one for girls, for 1877.

In the judgment of the committee, the sum of two thousand dollars would fully meet the cost, and provide for two hundred children during the summer vacation.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Minutes, page 227, were amended by striking out, "The report was accepted."

On motion of Dr. Palmer, the report was read, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Miss Peabody, from the Seventh Division Committee, offered the following order: —

Francis-st. School; additional teacher.

Ordered, That an additional teacher be allowed in the Grammar Department of the Francis-street School.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Perkins, from the Third Division Committee, offered the following order: —

Eliot and Hancock Districts; Intermediate Schools.

Ordered, That two Intermediate Schools be allowed in the Eliot District, and also in the Hancock District.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Hutchins, from the Committee on Text-Books, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That, to secure uniformity in the use of

reading-books in the Primary Schools, the following text-books be adopted and *restricted* as follows: — Reading books in Primary Schools.

Sixth Class — Leigh's Primer.

Fifth Class — Leigh's Second Reader.

Fourth Class — } Franklin Second Reader.
Third Class — }

Second Class — } Franklin Third Reader.
First Class— }

Hillard's Fourth Reader permitted in the First Class, subject to the approval of the Division Committee.

Passed.

Mr. Hutchins, from the same committee, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That in order to facilitate the completion of the Rules and Regulations, the Committee on Text-books be authorized to revise and complete the list of Text-books and Reference books used in the Grammar and High Schools, and report the same to the Committee on Rules and Regulations at the earliest possible time. Text and reference books in Grammar and High Schools.

Passed.

Mr. Hutchins offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent be authorized to print seventeen hundred copies of his September semi-annual report. Copies of Supt's semi-annual report.

Passed.

The Chair read a petition from the adult deaf-mutes of Boston, asking that provision be made for providing them with a school-room, in which to receive evening instruction from Prof. A. Graham Bell and assistants. Petition from deaf mutes.

Read and referred to Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read a petition and a paper relative to the same, from the citizens of Longwood and vicinity, asking the establishment of school accommodations in that locality. Petition for school accommodations in Longwood.

Read and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Communication from Supt. of Schools.

The Chair read a communication from the Superintendent of Public Schools, referring to the plan of the Supervisors.

Read and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Dr. Palmer, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes to ten o'clock.

Attest:

GEORGE A. SMITH,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 12, 1876.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

The Vice-President presided.

Present: The whole Board, except the President, Messrs. Hayes and Merrill.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board dispensed with the reading of the records of the last meeting, approving the same as in print.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations on probation: — Nominations on probation.

Comins School. — Martha A. Cummings, first assistant, to take effect September 1, 1876.

Dearborn School. — Philena W. Rounseville, first assistant, to take effect September 1, 1876.

Lyman School. — Eliza F. Russell, first assistant, to take effect September 1, 1876.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Finney, from the Second Division Committee, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That Alonzo Meserve, employed in the Prescott School, receive the rank and pay of sub-master, from September 1, 1876. Alonzo Meserve; rank and pay.

Read and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Accounts, submitted the following report: —

The Committee on Accounts respectfully report the discharge of the janitor of the Wait School, for cause. Report of Com. on Accounts; discharge of janitor.

The report was accepted, and the discharge approved.

Mr. Blakemore, from the Eighth Division Committee, reported the following resignation: —

Resignation of a teacher.

Mt. Vernon School. — Elizabeth S. Maynard, second assistant, to take effect January 1, 1877.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Accounts, offered the following order: —

Sarah Fuller; expenses to Philadelphia paid.

Ordered, That Sarah Fuller be paid the sum of twenty-six dollars and fifty-eight cents ($26.58), for expenses incurred in visiting, by authority of the Committee, the Convention of Principals of Deaf-Mute Schools, held at Philadelphia.

Passed.

Mr. Adams, from the Sixth Division Committee, offered the following order: —

New Primary School building named the "Howe."

Ordered, That the new Primary School building recently erected in the Lawrence District be known hereafter as the Howe Primary School, in honor of the late Samuel G. Howe.

Passed.

Mr. Finney, from the Second Division Committee, offered the following order: —

Annie M. Crozier; salary of.

Ordered, That the provisions of Section 281 of the Rules apply to Annie M. Crozier, a graduate of the Charlestown High and Boston Normal Schools, and now employed as third assistant in the Warren School.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Fitzgerald offered the following order: —

Helen F. Brigham; certificate to.

Ordered, That the Committee on Examinations be requested to inquire into the expediency of granting a certificate of the fourth grade to Helen F. Brigham, now a teacher in the Dearborn District.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Mr. Hutchins offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Normal School, after consultation with the Head-master and the Superintendent, be authorized to organize such special classes for the instruction of teachers in the employ of the city, as they shall deem expedient, the same to be done without expense to the city.

Committee on Normal School to organize special classes.

Passed.

Mr. Hutchins offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Normal School be authorized to employ Dr. Edwin Leigh to give special instruction to teachers in the use of Leigh's type, the expense for the same not to exceed two hundred dollars.

Dr. Edwin Leigh to give special instruction.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Hutchins offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the salary of Jenny H. Stickney, first assistant in the Normal School, be fixed at $1,800 per annum, according to the schedule for teachers of the third grade, page 220 of the Minutes, to take effect Sept. 1st, 1876.

Jenny H. Stickney; salary of.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, reported as follows: —

Upon the order of Sept. 26, concerning the expediency of providing that the Superintendent of Schools investigate all matters relating to the sites, building and furnishing of school-houses, etc., the Committee on Rules and Regulations report that such provisions ought to be made, and submit the following order: —

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations; Supt. to investigate, etc.

Ordered, That Section 43, Rules and Regulations, last line but two, second clause, be amended so as to read, "and this committee, after having obtained and considered the opinion thereon, in writing, of the Superintendent of Schools, shall report such locations or plans to the Board, with their recommendations."

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, the word "and" was substituted for "or," in the last line, and the words "for its approval or disapproval" were annexed to the order.

The order, as amended, was passed.

Mr. Thayer, from the same committee, submitted the following report: —

Leave of absence to teachers; rules amended.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was re-committed the order for the amendment of Sect. 187, submit the following amendments of the section covering the proposed amendments, as follows, from line 14, read to 18.

"SECT. 187. The committee in charge of any school or district may grant leave of absence to, and appoint a substitute for, the principal thereof, for not more than one week at a time, or any subordinate teacher, for not more than one month at a time, and the Board for any longer terms. But vacancies existing from any cause for a longer time than such week or month shall be reported to, and substitutes who fill such places shall be approved by, the Board."

On motion of Mr. Godfrey Morse, the order was amended by inserting after the word "But" the words "leave of absence granted or."

On motion of Miss Peabody, the order was amended by inserting the words "or temporary teachers" after the word "substitutes" in the last line but one.

The order, as amended, passed.

Majority and minority reports of Com. on Rules and Regulations, on communications from Supt. and Supervisors.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, stated that the committee were unable to agree with reference to the several orders relating to the Superintendent and Supervisors; also in relation to the amending of certain sections of the Rules and Regulations, by which a uniformity should be secured, and the duties of each defined.

Miss May then presented the majority report, signed by Abby W. May, James Morse and Ezra Palmer.

Mr. Thayer followed with the minority report, signed by Geo. A. Thayer and John E. Fitzgerald.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the reports were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved that when the Board adjourn it be until Tuesday, Dec. 19th, at half-past seven o'clock, and that the consideration of the majority and minority reports be specially assigned for eight o'clock on that evening. The motion prevailed, 12 to 9; the reports were taken from the table and assigned for eight o'clock, P.M., Dec. 19th. Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Finney, 1,000 copies of the reports were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Godfrey Morse offered the following order: — Temporary teachers and substitutes; names to be reported.

Ordered, That the names of all temporary teachers and substitutes in the service of the city, for a longer period than one month, be reported to the Board at its next meeting, by the several Division Committees.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board adjourned at nine o'clock.

Attest:

GEO. A. SMITH,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 19, 1876.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, at half-past seven, P. M.

The Vice-President presided.

Present: The whole Board, except the President, Messrs. Blakemore and Winship.

On motion of Mr. Merrill, the Board dispensed with the reading of the records of the last meeting, approving the same as in print.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations; additional teacher in Francis-st. School.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, reported in relation to the order for an additional teacher in the Francis-st. School, that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Eliot and Hancock Districts; two intermediate classes.

Mr. Thayer, from the same committee, reported in relation to an order for the establishment of two intermediate classes each in the Hancock and Eliot Districts, that the orders ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Reports of Com. on Salaries; salary of Jenny H. Stickney.

Mr. Merrill, from the Committee on Salaries, reported in relation to the following orders: —

1. That the order for a salary of $1,800 per annum, to Jenny H. Stickney, first assistant in the Normal School, ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the order passed.

Maximum salary to Amelia F. Boston.

2. That the order for the payment of the maximum salary to Amelia F. Boston, is rendered unnecessary by the passage of the order of Oct. 24th, concerning the salary of reappointed teachers.

The report was accepted.

Salary of additional assistant in Kindergarten School.

3. That the order for a salary of $400 per annum to the additional assistant in the Kindergarten School, ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Dr. Edwin Leigh to give special instruction.

4. That the order for the employment of Dr. Edwin Leigh, to give special instruction to Primary teachers in the use of Leigh's type, ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Annie M. Crozier.

5. That the order for the application of the provisions of Section 281 to Annie M. Crozier, ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

Reports of Com. on School Houses; new Primary School rear of Brook ave.

Mr. Chapin, from the Committee on School Houses, reported as follows: —

1. Upon the order for the organization of a Primary School in the neighborhood of Brook avenue; that, in consideration of the fact that the City Council has erected a building for that purpose upon leased land in the vicinity, the committee respectfully ask to be relieved from further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted.

Petition from Deaf-Mutes.

2. Upon the communication from the adult deaf-mutes of Boston, asking for the re-establishment of the articulation class, conducted by Prof. A. Graham Bell, who has signified his willingness to continue this class, if a room be provided for an evening session,— that the committee respectfully recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That a room in the South-street building be furnished for the use of the class in articulation.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

District lines for High Schools.

3. Upon the order requesting the committee to consider the expediency of reporting district lines for the High Schools of the city, — that it is inexpedient to establish such lines at present.

The report was accepted.

Additional land for

4. Upon the order to purchase land enlarging the lot

for the new Dorchester–Everett School, — that the order be referred to the next School Board.

Dor.-Everett School.

The report was accepted, and the order so referred.

5. Upon the petition for the establishment of a school near Brighton avenue, — that, in the opinion of the committee, the number of pupils to be accommodated is too small to warrant the establishment of a school; and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Petition for school accommodations in Longwood.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Perkins, from the Third Division Committee, reported as follows: —

Wells District, Poplar-street Primary. — Florence E. Dexter, substitute.

List of substitutes and temporary teachers.

Bowdoin District, Somerset-street Primary. — Laura M. Stevens, temporary teacher, Julia F. Jellison, substitute.

The report was accepted, and the appointments were approved.

Mr. Adams, from the Sixth Division Committee, reported the resignation of E. C. Perkins, third assistant in the Andrew District, to take effect Dec. 1, 1876.

Resignation of a teacher.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Adams, from the same committee, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That a second assistant be allowed in the Bigelow School.

Second assistant in Bigelow School.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Chapin, from the Committee on School-houses, reported the following boundary lines, revising the Grammar-school districts in Charlestown: —

Report of Com. on School Houses.

Bunker Hill District. — Beginning at the Mystic river, on the boundary line between Charlestown and Somerville; thence by said line to Mill pond; thence to Mill street; thence by rear of Mill to Main street; thence

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by centre of Main to Mead street; thence by both sides of Mead to Russell street; thence by a line across Russell to Bunker Hill street; thence across Bunker Hill to North Mead street; thence by both sides of North Mead street, including Grant's court, across Medford street; thence by Mystic river to the point of beginning.

Frothingham District. — Beginning at the Mystic river, at the end of Tufts street; thence by the centre of Tufts to Bunker Hill street; thence by centre of Bunker Hill to Lexington street; thence by both sides of Lexington street to Monument square; thence by Monument square to Winthrop street; thence by centre of Winthrop to Adams street; thence by centre of Adams street to the Navy Yard wall; thence by Chelsea street to Mystic river; thence by the water to the point of beginning.

Harvard District. — Beginning at Prison Point bridge; thence by the centre of Austin to Main street; thence across Main to Warren street; thence by the centre of Warren to Pleasant street; thence by both sides of Pleasant to High street; thence by High to Winthrop street; thence by the centre of Winthrop to Adams street; thence by the centre of Adams street to Navy Yard wall; thence in a southerly direction by Navy Yard wall to Charles river; thence by the water to the point of beginning.

Prescott District. — Beginning at the Mystic river at the end of Webster street; thence by the rear of Webster to Bunker Hill street; thence by the centre of Bunker Hill to Green street; thence by both sides of Green to Bartlett street; thence by rear of Bartlett street to Monument square; thence by Monument square to Lexington street; thence by rear of north side of Lexington to Bunker Hill street; thence by centre of

Bunker Hill to Tufts street; thence by centre of Tufts street to Mystic river; thence by the water to the point of beginning.

Warren District. — Beginning at Mill pond at the end of Mill street; thence by both sides of Mill to Main street; thence by centre of Main to Mead street; thence by rear of Mead to Russell street; thence by a line across Russell to Bunker Hill street; thence across Bunker Hill to North Mead street; thence by rear of North Mead, excluding Grant court, across Medford street to Mystic river; thence by the water to Webster street; thence by both sides of Webster to Bunker Hill street; thence by centre of Bunker Hill to Green street; thence by rear of Green to Bartlett street; thence by both sides of Bartlett to Monument square; thence by Monument square to High street; thence across High to Pleasant street; thence by rear of the south side of Pleasant to Warren street; thence by centre of Warren across Main to Austin street; thence by centre of Austin to the water; thence by the water to the point of beginning.

NOTE. — The word "rear" applied to a street excludes it from the district.

The report was accepted, and the boundary lines were established.

Mr. Finney, from the Second Division Committee, reported the following resignation: —

Resignation of a teacher.

E. B. Dyer, first assistant, Prescott School, to take effect January 1, 1877.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Plummer, from the First Division Committee, reported as follows: —

Substitutes and temporary teachers.

Emerson School. — Carrie Ford, temporary teacher.

Lyman School. — Susan E. Littlefield, substitute.

The report was accepted, and the appointments were approved.

Miss Hale, from the Committee on Kindergarten Schools, offered the following order: —

Kindergarten School; additional teacher.

Ordered, That Mary R. Kimball be appointed assistant teacher for the Kindergarten School, Somerset street, term of service to begin January 2, 1877.

Passed.

Mr. Finney, from the Second Division Committee, reported as follows: —

Substitutes and temporary teachers.

Bunker Hill District. — Alice T. Smith, substitute.

The report was accepted, and the appointment approved.

Mr. Flint, from the Committee on High Schools, offered the following order: —

Text-books in Latin School.

Ordered, That Andrews' Latin Lexicon, White's abridged Latin Lexicon, Liddell and Scott's Greek Lexicons, abridged and unabridged, be adopted as text-books in the Latin School.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Porter, from the Ninth Division Committee, and Mr. Flint, from the Committee on High Schools, requested further time on the reports of substitutes and temporary teachers in their respective divisions.

The request was granted.

Miss Peabody, from the Seventh Division Committee, reported as follows: —

Substitutes and temporary teachers.

Comins District, Francis-st. School. — Ella A. Chester, temporary teacher.

Lowell District. — Isabella Shove, temporary teacher.

Dearborn District. — Abby S. Oliver, temporary teacher.

The report was accepted, and the appointments were approved.

Mr. Fitzgerald, from the Fourth Division Committee, reported as follows: —

Exeter-st. School. — Ella White, temporary teacher.

Bowditch Primary. — Marian Flynn, substitute.

Brimmer Primary. — Emily B. Burrill, substitute. B. P. Burgess, temporary teacher.

Substitutes and temporary teachers.

The report was accepted, and the appointments were approved.

Mr. Blake, from the Sixth Division Committee, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remedy, as far as possible, the sanitary defects existing in the Primary School, Gogin Building, Andrew District.

Gogin Building, Andrew District; sanitary defects.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Merrill, from the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the order for the establishment of Rules and Regulations for Janitors, submitted the following Rules and Regulations: —

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Rules and Regulations for Janitors.

1. The houses are to be opened and closed daily, Sundays and holidays excepted. The entries, stairways, and passages shall be swept daily, after the last session of the school; the rooms, every Wednesday and Saturday of each week; and the cellars, once a week, or as often as required to keep them in good order. The rooms for singing and exhibitions are to be prepared for those exercises whenever required.

Rules and Regulations for government of janitors.

2. The entries, stairs, rails, and furniture are to be dusted every morning before school-hours. The windows, blinds, walls, and ceilings of the halls, rooms, and entries are to be dusted as often as required to be kept in good order. The yards, walks, and outhouses are to be looked after daily, and kept clean and in good order.

3. The windows shall be cleaned twice in each year, viz.: during the first week in April, and the last week in August, and it shall

be the duty of the Janitor to see that they are properly cleaned. The ink-wells shall be cleaned once in three months, and the doors, wainscoting, and all painted surfaces, including seats and desks, whenever ordered by the Committee on Accounts; and no extra compensation will be allowed for such work.

4. Fires, whenever necessary, are to be made in season to have the house properly warmed at the time for opening the school, and they are to be taken care of during school-hours. Where steam-heating apparatus is used, the Janitor shall give his whole time to the building under his charge. The fuel is to be economically used, the ashes to be thoroughly screened, and the screenings to be used on the fires. Where stoves are used, fuel sufficient for the day must be carried to the several rooms. It is not required that fires should be kept up on holidays, or during vacations, except enough to protect the apparatus.

5. Janitors shall, in addition to the time necessary for the performance of regular duties, be in attendance at the building one-half hour before each session, during recess, and one half hour before the close of each session, for the purpose of rendering such assistance as may be required. They shall keep a vigilant watch upon their heating apparatus, that no danger from fire may arise. *The water buckets shall be kept filled with water, and in a convenient place to be used, should occasion require.* Janitors are expected to be informed in regard to the condition of their heating apparatus, and to give immediate notice at the office of the Committee on Accounts, of any possibility of danger arising therefrom.

Hot water only to be used in thawing water or steam pipes should any be found frozen.

Where fire extinguishers are provided, the Janitor shall make himself familiar with their use.

6. During the winter season the Janitor shall remove, or cause to be removed, the snow from the sidewalks, and shall make paths in the yards leading to the several entrances, and to the out-buildings; he shall pile the snow in the yards in such a manner as will be most convenient for its removal. Between the hours of 6 o'clock, A. M., and 9 o'clock, P. M., the sidewalks must be cleared, and the paths opened within one hour from the time it stops snowing; should it stop snowing during the night, the work must be done before 8 o'clock, A. M. The Janitor shall sprinkle sand or ashes upon the sidewalks when they are in a slippery condition.

7. The Janitor shall maintain a general supervision of the estate during vacation. When workmen are employed on the premises, or when fuel is being taken in, he shall see that none of the property in the building is used or disturbed, and he will be held responsible for any property taken, or damage done, through his negligence. No strangers will be allowed on the premises without permission from the Superintendent of Public Buildings, or the master of the school, and smoking in or about the building is strictly prohibited.

8. Whenever a vacation of a week or more is appointed for a school, it shall be the duty of the Janitor to see that all movable property, such as books, maps, globes, charts, etc., are securely locked up.

9. Janitors of buildings heated by steam are held responsible for the safety of the pipes during the winter. In extremely cold weather they must take unusual precautions, either by remaining during the night or until satisfied of the safety of the apparatus. Complaint of wilful neglect of these rules, if found upon investigation to be well grounded, will be sufficient cause for suspension or discharge of the Janitor.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

The master of each school is requested to see that the Janitor performs the duties in compliance with the above regulations. Teachers are requested to assist in carrying out the requirements of Section 8. The bill of the Janitor must be certified to by the Master, and forwarded to the office of the Committee on Accounts, on or before the fifteenth of each month. Should the Janitor neglect to perform his duty, the Master will notify this Committee, and the complaint will be immediately investigated.

By order of the Committee on Accounts.

WM. H. LEARNARD, JR., *Chairman.*

Dec., 1876.

The report was accepted, and the rules and regulations adopted.

Majority and minority reports of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

The hour for the consideration of the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Rules and Regulations having arrived, Mr. Thayer opened the discussion in favor of the adoption of the minority

report, and moved that it be substituted, with the order appended, for the report and order submitted by the majority.

On motion of Mr. Adams, it was voted that when the final question is taken, it be taken by yeas and nays.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. James Morse moved the previous question.

Lost.

Mr. Perkins moved that the majority and minority reports be referred to the next School Board.

Withdrawn.

Special assignments.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the majority and minority reports were further specially assigned for consideration at 8 o'clock P. M., Tuesday, Dec. 26th.

Mr. Merrill, from the Fifth Division Committee, asked for further time on the report of substitutes and temporary teachers in that division.

The request was granted.

Mr. Porter offered the following order: —

Rules and Regulations, amendment proposed.

Ordered, That Section 226, paragraph 6, of the Rules and Regulations be so amended, as to allow in mixed and boys' schools of from 250 to 350 pupils, one first assistant and one second assistant.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Communication from John R. Farrell; gift to High Schools.

The Chair read the following communication: —

BOSTON, Dec. 18, 1876.

To His Honor the Mayor, and School Committee of the City of Boston: —

Permit me to present through you to each High School in the city, a Centennial military plate, representing the uniform of each regiment of the Massachusetts militia in the year 1876; together with a litho-photograph of the commanders of each organization.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN R. FARRELL.

14 Boylston Hall.

Referred to the Committee on Military Drill.

The Chair read a communication from Charles W. Zaremba, relating to the study of German in all the public schools of the city. Communication from Chas. W. Zaremba.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools.

On motion of Mr. James Morse, the Board adjourned at half-past ten o'clock.

Attest:

GEORGE A. SMITH,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 26, 1876.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

The Vice-President presided.

Present: The whole Board, except the President.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the Board dispensed with the reading of the records of the last meeting, approving the same as in print.

The Chair read the following communication, which was placed on file: —

Communication from U. S. Centennial Commission.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.

Philadelphia, 1876.

The United States Centennial Commission has examined the report of the Judges, and accepted the following reasons, and decreed an award in conformity therewith.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19, 1876.

REPORT ON AWARDS.

Product. — Educational Documents, Statistical Charts, School Work, etc.

Name and address of Exhibitor. — Department of Public Instruction of the City of Boston, Mass.

The undersigned, having examined the product herein described, respectfully recommends the same to the United States Centennial Commission for Award, for the following reasons, viz.: —

The exhibit of Boston, though not so full as it might have been made, is extremely interesting and valuable. It embraces school work done in Primary, Grammar, High, and Evening Schools, philosophical apparatus of the kinds furnished to each of the

Grammar Schools, text-books used in the schools of different grades, portfolios of sewing, showing an analytic and progressive course of instruction, a complete set of the Boston School Reports since 1852; Statistics of the Schools for 1874–5, etc. — High commendation.

For the Chairman,

JOHN W. HOYT,
Secretary.

A true copy of the record.

FRANCIS A. WALKER,
Chief of the Bureau of Awards.

Given by authority of the United States Centennial Commission.

A. T. GOSHORN, *Director-General.*

J. R. HAWLEY,
President.

J. L. CAMPBELL, *Secretary.*

Nominations on probation.

Mr. Finney, from the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations on probation: —

Brimmer District. — B. P. Burgess, fourth assistant, to take effect April 1, 1876.

Lincoln School. — Annie Littlefield, third assistant, to take effect Sept. 4, 1876.

Comins School. — Ella A. Chester, third assistant, to take effect Sept. 4, 1876.

Mt. Vernon School. — Emma J. Fosset, third assistant, Emily M. Porter, second assistant, to take effect, respectively Jan. 2, 1877.

The report was accepted, and the nominations were approved.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, reported as follows: —

The Committee on Rules and Regulations report that it is inexpedient to legislate at present on the following referred orders: —

1. That Sect. 226, ¶ 6, be so amended as to allow in mixed and boys' schools, of from 250 to 350 pupils, one first assistant and one second assistant. Rules and Regulations; amendment proposed.

2. That Alonzo Meserve, employed in the Prescott School, receive the rank and pay of sub-master. Alonzo Meserve; rank and pay.

3. That a second assistant be allowed in the Bigelow School. Bigelow School; second assistant.

The committee respectfully suggest, in connection with the foregoing orders, that it is their intention to give, at an early day, careful consideration to the working within the past few months, of the provisions of Sect. 226, and, if necessary, to present such modifications of the regulations as shall remove all occasion of hardship and injustice.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Thayer, from the Committee on Examinations, reported as follows: —

The Committee on Examinations, to whom were referred orders for granting Fourth Grade certificates to Georgiana M. Putnam, Helen F. Brigham, C. J. Spaulding and Mary C. Edes, report that the Supervisors will, at their request, hold an examination for the above-named candidates and others on January 6th, and the committee respectfully ask to be relieved from further consideration of the subject. Report of Committee on Examinations; Fourth Grade certificates to G. M. Putnam, H. F. Brigham, C. J. Spaulding, M. C. Edes.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Flint, from the Committee on High Schools, reported the names of La Roy F. Griffin and George C. Shepard as temporary teachers in the Latin School. Temporary teachers.

The report was accepted, and the appointments were approved.

Mr. Flint, from the same committee, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested

Third Grade certificate to Emily M. Deland.

to issue a certificate of qualification of the Third Grade to Miss Emily M. Deland, of the Girls' High School, she being in the service January 10th, 1876.

Passed.

Report of Committee on Military Drill; communication from John R. Farrell.

Mr. Godfrey Morse, from the Committee on Military Drill, reported as follows: —

The committee to whom was referred the communication from John R. Farrell, concerning the gift of military plates and litho-photographs to the High Schools, report that the gift should be accepted, and that the following orders be passed: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to procure frames for the pictures presented to the High Schools by John R. Farrell, and that one of said pictures, when framed, be placed in each High School.

Ordered, That the Secretary of this Board acknowledge the receipt and acceptance of Mr. Farrell's gift.

The report was accepted.

Order No. 1 referred to Committee on Accounts. Order No. 2 passed.

Mr. Fitzgerald, from the Teachers' Fund Committee, reported as follows: —

Report of Committee on Teachers' Fund.

The special Committee on the "Teachers' Fund," to whom was referred the order to consider the expediency of establishing a Teachers' Fund, have attended to that duty, and beg to report the following orders: —

Ordered, That the President of this Board be requested to petition the Legislature at its next session for the passage of the following acts: —

1st. An act to incorporate an association, to be known as "The Teachers' Association of the City of Boston," for the purpose of extending aid to sick and superannuated teachers.

2d. An act to incorporate the School Committee of the City of Boston into a corporation for the purpose of

receiving and disbursing donations and bequests to aid sick and superannuated teachers.

The report was accepted, and the orders were passed.

Mr. Perkins, from the Third Division Committee, reported the name of C. L. Howes as temporary teacher in the Eliot School. Temporary teacher.

The report was accepted, and the appointment approved.

Mr. Hutchins, from the Committee on the Normal and Rice Training Schools, offered a report of names of temporary teachers and substitutes in the Rice School. Substitutes and temporary teachers.

The appointment of Charles E. Swett, as temporary teacher, was approved by a yea and nay vote of 12 to 10. Appointment of Chas. E. Swett.

Yeas. — Messrs. Blake, Chapin, Finney, Flint, Hutchins, Merrill, Moran, Palmer, Perkins, Porter, Plummer, and Thayer. Yeas and nays.

Nays. — Messrs. Adams, Blakemore, Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Godfrey Morse, James Morse, Winship; Misses Hale, May and Peabody.

The consideration of the other names upon the list was indefinitely postponed under a suspension of the Rules.

Mr. Warren P. Adams, from the Committee on Accounts, reported as follows: — Report of Committee on Accounts.

The Committee on Accounts would respectfully report that they have deemed it advisable to make a change in the janitorship of the Chapman School, and ask the approval of the same. Chapman School; janitor discharged.

The report was accepted, and the change approved.

Mr. Plummer, from the First Division Committee, reported the resignation of Abbie N. Nye, fourth assistant in Emerson District, to take effect Jan. 1, 1877. Resignation of teacher.

The report was accepted.

Substitutes and temporary teachers.

Mr. Porter, from the Ninth Division Committee, reported the names of Mary A. Lowe, substitute in Mather School, Harriet M. Boit, temporary teacher in Minot School.

The report was accepted, and the appointments were approved.

Special assignment.

Mr. Flint called for the special assignment, and the hour for the consideration of the same (the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Rules and Regulations) having arrived, after some discussion Mr. Hutchins moved to divide the question.

Passed.

Mr. Godfrey Morse moved the previous question.

Passed.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to reconsider the vote by which the previous question was ordered.

Lost, 10 to 13.

The motion to substitute the minority report for the majority report was lost, 9 to 14.

The motion to substitute the orders appended to the minority report for the orders appended to the majority report was lost, 9 to 14.

Yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays on each vote were as follows: —

Yeas. — Messrs. Adams, Blake, Blakemore, Fitzgerald, Hayes, Hutchins, Merrill, Porter, Thayer.

Nays. — Messrs. Chapin, Finney, Fletcher, Flint, Moran, Godfrey Morse, James Morse, Palmer, Perkins, Plummer, Winship; Misses Hale, May, Peabody.

The Board rejected the orders appended to the majority report, 7 to 16.

Yeas and nays.

Yeas. — Messrs. James Morse, Godfrey Morse, Palmer, Winship, Misses Hale, May, Peabody.

Nays. — Messrs. Adams, Blake, Blakemore, Chapin,

Finney, Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Flint, Hayes, Hutchins, Merrill, Moran, Perkins, Porter, Plummer, Thayer.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins, all unfinished business was taken from the table, and, together with all orders not acted upon now in the hands of sub-committees, was referred to the next School Board. Unfinished business referred to next Board.

Mr. Godfrey Morse submitted the following resolution, with remarks complimentary to the presiding officer: — Thanks to Wm. H. Learnard, jr.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are hereby tendered to the Hon. William H. Learnard, Jr., for the very able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of Vice-President of the Board during the past year.

Passed unanimously.

The Vice-President responded, thanking the members for their kind co-operation during the year, and briefly reviewing the results of their labors.

Mr. Fitzgerald made some brief remarks, tendering his resignation as a member of the School Committee. Resignation of John E. Fitzgerald.

The resignation was accepted.

Mr. Merrill, from the Fifth Division Committee, reported the name of Sarah L. Adams, as substitute in the Everett School. Substitute.

The report was accepted, and the appointment approved.

On motion of Mr. James Morse, the Board adjourned at ten minutes after ten o'clock, *sine die*.

Attest:

GEORGE A. SMITH,
Secretary.

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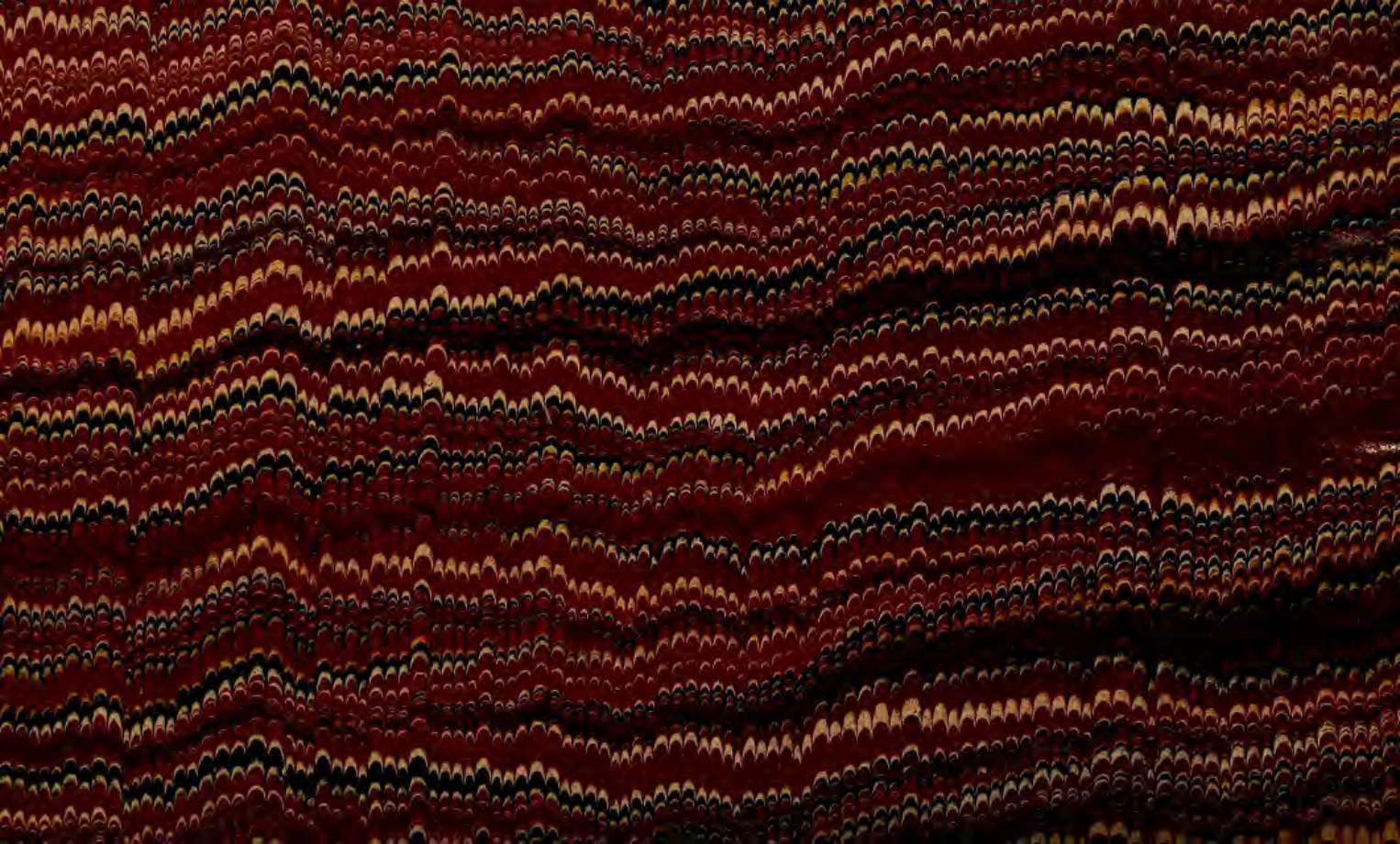
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